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Oh Van Wert High, the school we love,  
Our true devotion we would prove;  
Thy tradition gladly share;  
Thy noble banner proudly bear.  
In our work and in our play  
We'll always strive to lead the way.  
School we love, on us rely,  
The loyal youth of Van Wert High.



**Mrs. White**  
**IN APPRECIATION**

We, the seniors of 1957, wish to express our appreciation to you, Mrs. White, for your help and your encouragement. Throughout our four years of school you have faithfully supported our athletic teams, and you have given us advice and understanding when we encountered difficult situations. We shall always remember you for your sincere interest in us and for your constant endeavor to have us do our best.



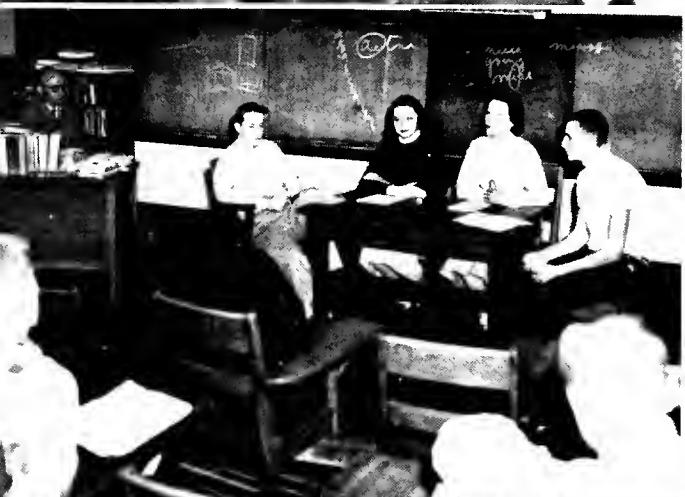
Hello! You may not know who I am, but I know you. I'm Cougie, the spirit of Van Wert High School. Very few of you have seen me because I'm invisible most of the time. But I'm always around whenever any high school activities take place. And this year I've really been busy — from selling popcorn at football games to passing out diplomas at commencement and making my debut in the Excalibur.

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Above: "C'est une tasse." (This is a cup.) This year French replaced Spanish in our modern language department.

Corner: Biology students use research equipment to explore wonders of the microscopic world.

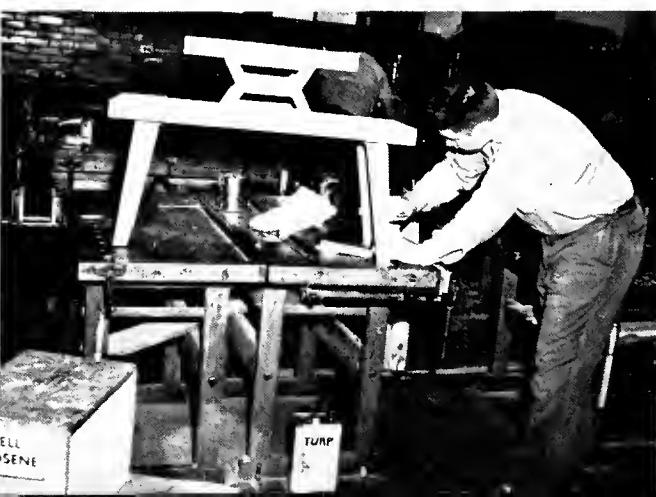
Left: While sophomore English students study *The Tale of Two Cities*, they ask about the interesting sites in Paris.

## Teachers Guide Us To

Left: Discussion techniques are a part of speech training.

Corner: A knowledge of history helps students to understand the modern world.

Below: Industrial Arts provides an outlet for creative ability and promotes efficiency in manual arts.





Above: Physical education classes provide healthful exercise and pleasant recreation.

Corner: Consumer education helps to prepare girls for home managing.

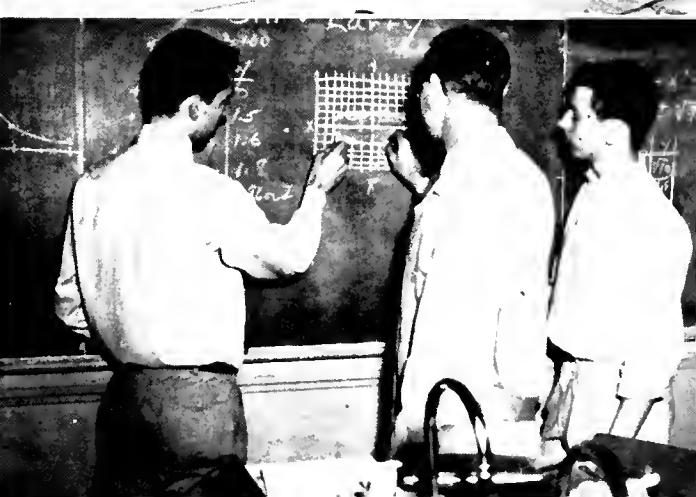
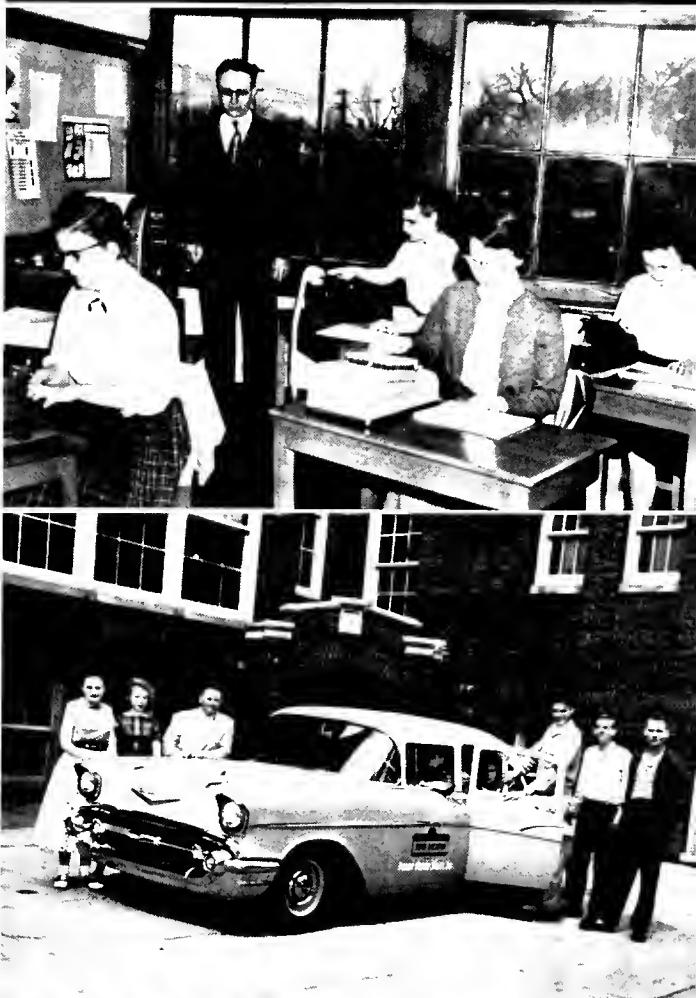
Right: Training girls to operate business machines efficiently prepares them for positions in commercial vocations.

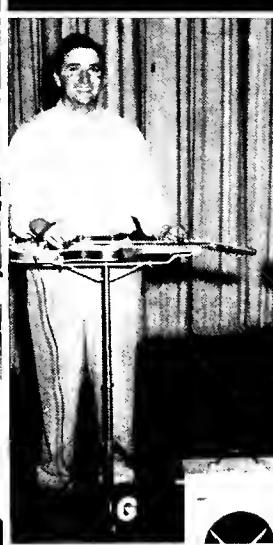
## Knowledge and Maturity

Right: Driver's education students learn driving skills and highway safety.

Corner: Mathematical training increases reasoning powers and provides basic knowledge necessary for many vocations.

Below: D. C. T. links classroom study with practical application of skills.





A. Here are brother George and Liberace, otherwise known as Stan Smith and Don Schnepp. B. Many win awards at honors assembly. C. Sophomore Alan Rinard and freshman Karen Weirville receive district medals for essays in American Legion Auxiliary Essay Contest. D. Student dance band makes music like crazy. E. Bob Ainsworth and Ron Ross open the Junior Town Meeting of the Air. F. Officiaters pose with geological collections which they dedicated. G. Electric guitar duo enters talent show. H. Jerry Baer emcees the Student Council Talent Show. I. Sue Baxter pantomines two hits. J. Listeners asks the panel questions. K. The Feeble Few go mad like Elvis.

Ohio Northern University was the destination of the students who were to vie for scholarship honors. On Saturday, May 4, after an hour of intensive concentration, the scholars were in a gay and cheerful mood. A few weeks later, the students who ranked high in the district and in the state divisions received recognition for their achievements. Again, the Van Wert team had compiled an enviable record.

## Stiff Competition Urges Scholars to Their Best

Row one: World History, Gary Patterson, Charles Ingman, 6,9, Carol Jean Kinsey; American History, Marcile Merkle, 4,9, H.M., Bob Mohr, Dennis Schaffner; Senior Social Studies, Mike Pheneger, 11. Row two: General Science, Kent McMillen, Tom Holmes, Bruce Jarvis; English IX, Jim Jerome, 1,3,9, Pat Ireton, 7,-,H.M., Barbara Germann, 7,-, H.M.; Algebra I, Rodger Oetzel, Kenneth Wiedenmann, Vernon Oechsle; Latin I, Dick Dippery, Sharon Boyd. Row three: Biology, Dave Fell, 6,8,H.M., Kathy Wells, Phil Holtkamp; English X, Corinne Katterheinrich, Nancy Louth, 11, Sally Stewart; Geometry, Louis Crow, Larry K. Johnson, Barbara Miller; Latin II, Susan Gribler, Karen

Geisman, Alan Rinard. Row four: Chemistry, Dick O'Mara; English XI, Sally Thompson, Linda Stemen, Beverly Germann; Algebra II, Bill Scott, Carl Hoghe; Bookkeeping I, Paul Kaduk, Lora Verne Allen, Martha Gingrich. Row five: Physics, Don Elzey, Stan Smith, Terry Devine, 11; English XII, Dorothy Weck, 10, Barbara McDonald, Sally Coombs, 2,3,5,7. Not pictured: Jane Johnson, Jean Johnson, Jim Speer, Frank Brown, Larry Pennell, and Margaret Winterer. Key to rankings: The first number after a name indicates rank in district, division one; the second, district, regardless of division; the third, state division one; the fourth, state regardless of division.



# SENIOR SURVEY



Above: Janice Prior and Don Good were selected for their striking good looks. Crew neck sweaters were the latest fashion to invade men's wardrobes. Back clusters of curls were the vogue in girls' hair styles. Right: For athletic prowess, Diane Roth and Larry Smith are tops. Janet Monce is noted for her shapely figure and Tom Nott for his manly physique. For finesse in flirting, Barb Hirn and Jim Smith are excellent choices.

This was the year for calypso, roll-up sleeves, and Elvis Presley. The formation of the Crazy Eight dance band, the newly organized young people's political party, and those Rock 'N' Roll kids, the Feeble Few—all these were the result of ambitious efforts of V. W. H. S. students. The Carborundum plant was a Christmas present to Van Wert. Plans for a new high school site were discussed and settled in May. Pizza pie, and tours through Van Wert at four o'clock in the morning were novelties at the slumber parties. Of course, gossip replaced sleep. Friendly Persuasion, Giant, Funny Face, and Around the World in Eighty Days rated high among the movie set. At the top of the Hit Parade were Tommy Sand's Teenage Crush, Elvis's Love Me Tender, and Como's Round and Round. We marveled at Charles Van Doren on Twenty-One, laughed at Jonathan Winters, and again voted the Ed Sullivan Show the top variety program on T. V.



Left: Carol Grindahl and Dave Gamble are outstanding for their well-dressed look. Nan Cowan and Ron Dierks are remembered for their pleasing personalities and friendly ways. Pat Holtschult and Don Schnepp are noted for their winning smiles. Above: The class selected Caroline Scott and Stan Smith as the most helpful members. Sally Coombs and Terry Devine are destined for success in their chosen fields. Wit and humor naturally suggest Jean Bennett and Jerry Baer.



### Queen Nan

Nan Cowan was crowned queen of the tenth annual Homecoming festivities on October 5. At the halftime ceremonies, Linda Kirchenbauer, the preceding year's queen, officiated at the crowning; and the cheerleaders, representing the co-captains, presented the royal scepter and bouquet of roses. To add to the joyous occasion, we defeated Lima Shawnee. The dance, following the game, centered around the theme "The Queen and I." The gym was appropriately decorated as a ballroom with sparkling chandeliers and with a red and silver background. At intermission the class presidents gave the queen and her lovely court gifts provided by the Scarlet Quill Staff. A sextette of senior girls entertained with music from "The King and I." Dancing continued to the music of The Rhapsodiers from St. Mary's. All in all, the evening was a memorable occasion and a highlight of the school year.



A record-breaking crowd attends this year's Homecoming Dance.

The crowning ceremony takes place at half-time.



Selling mums at the game is one of the Excalibur's projects.

## The "Queen and I" Dance in the Royal Ballroom

Each class elects a member of the court. Janice Prior, senior; Sue Prior, freshman; Queen Nan

Cowan, senior; Elise Hoeken, sophomore; Beverly German, junior.





Chris Griffiths, Loella Rogers, Lora Allen, and Jess Cooper exchange dances. Left: The dancers parade for the spectators. Bottom: Juniors bend their efforts toward a beautiful prom.



# PROM

On May seventeenth, the juniors honored the seniors with a prom. In keeping with the theme, "A Stranger in Paradise," Lincoln gym was transformed into a beautiful Oriental garden. Colorful murals depicted cherry trees in bloom, flower gardens, and country landscape. Japanese lanterns defined the lavender crepe paper ceiling, and in the corner were colored lights spotting four delicate fountain sprays.

Dancing was from nine to twelve to the music of Woody Neff and his orchestra. Chris Griffiths, the junior class president, welcomed the guests; and Ron Dierks, the senior class president, responded. The Etzler sisters entertained with singing at intermission.

The service clubs of Van Wert sponsored another all-night party this year. Prom, a double-feature movie, refreshments and games at the Armory, and breakfast at the Presbyterian Church kept the promenaders happy from dusk to dawn. Filmy formals, divine dates, and mood music made this a Prom to be long remembered.





Couples promenade during Grand March. Weary dancers rest while they watch from the sidelines.

Faculty guests enjoy themselves as dancing couples glide by. Grand March is part of Prom glamour.

## Scene of Oriental Paradise Sets Romantic Mood

Juniors relax as they complete the finishing touches.

Magical setting and beautiful music lure dancers onto the floor.





## Graduation

The last few weeks of school were busy ones for seniors as they crammed their days with classes and their evenings with social affairs. Lights burned late as they struggled with senior projects and other postponed obligations. Prom, Elk's dance, and house parties brought laughter and tears into the excitement of "last times."

Showing their calm dignity, the seniors filed sedately into the stadium for Baccalaureate services. Two days of suspense concluded happily, for Commencement exercises were also held outside. The Class of 1957 processed for the last time. Mixed feelings of nostalgia and anticipation went with the seniors as they traveled the path across the platform to receive their diplomas.

Taking the inspiring advice of the speaker to heart and carrying their scarlet and grey bound diplomas, the new graduates left the stadium remembering the words of the choir, "Ours Is the World."



## COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

Tuesday, May 28, 1957, 6:30 P.M.

|   |                               |
|---|-------------------------------|
| Processional, "Pomp and Circumstance" .....             | Edward Elgar                  |
| Van Wert High School Band                               |                               |
| National Anthem .....                                   | by the Audience               |
| Directed by H. Herbert Jones                            |                               |
| Invocation .....  | Rev. Clark Price              |
| Euclid Avenue Church                                    |                               |
| "Almighty God Of Our Fathers" .....                     | James                         |
| "Ours Is the World" .....                               | Morgan                        |
| Van Wert High School Choir                              |                               |
| Class Address .....                                     | "This Is Your Day"            |
| Dr. Russell J. Humbert, President of DePauw University  |                               |
| Greencastle, Indiana                                    |                               |
| Presentation of Class .....                             | Robert Baker, Principal       |
| Presentation of Diplomas .....                          | Don White, President Board of |
| Education, Walter Witten, Vice Pres. Board of Education |                               |
| "America," by the Audience .....                        | Directed by H. Herbert Jones  |
| Benediction .....                                       | Rev. George L. Lawlor         |
| First Baptist Church                                    |                               |
| Recessional, "Pilgrim's Chorus" .....                   | Wagner                        |
| Van Wert High School Band                               |                               |





**BACCALAUREATE SERVICES**  
Sunday, May 26, 1957, 6:30 P.M.

|  |                     |
|--|---------------------|
| Processional, "Coronation March"           | Meyerbeer           |
| Van Wert High School Band                  |                     |
| Invocation                                 | Rev. Dale W. Riggs  |
| Wesley Methodist Church                    |                     |
| "Rocka My Soul"                            | Cain                |
| Van Wert High School Choir                 |                     |
| Scripture Lesson                           | Rev. R. W. Faulkner |
| Trinity Evangelical-United Brethren Church |                     |
| "Jesus Our Lord We Adore Thee"             | James               |
| Van Wert High School Choir                 |                     |
| Baccalaureate Sermon                       | Dr. Paul Chiles     |
| First Methodist Church                     |                     |
| Benediction                                | Lt. David Roos      |
| Salvation Army                             |                     |
| "God Be With You"                          | Tomer               |
| Van Wert High School Choir                 |                     |
| Recessional, "March From Scipio"           | Handel              |
| Van Wert High School Band                  |                     |



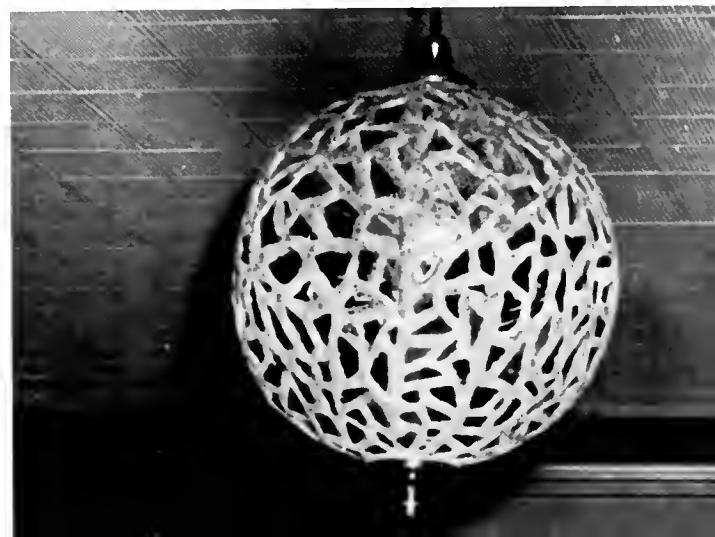


Formals, mistletoe, and music highlight holiday gaiety at the Snowball, sponsored annually by the Rendezvous Committee.

# Cubs



"The meeting will now come to order." This announcement, with various modifications, such as, "Hey kids, shut up!", can be heard several times each week as numerous clubs and organizations conduct their business of the day. I've attended several group meetings, and sometimes the giggling and gossip in the back row proves to be more interesting than the regular order of business. However, order is established; and after serious deliberation, the final decision is postponed until the next meeting.





Row one: Larry Smith, Don Black, Jerry Baer, Charles Young, Laurinda Bate, Mary Ellen Keith, Mr. Baker. Row two: Pat Hallam, Allan Runser, Rick Counsellor, Bill Stanley, Ron Sherer, Beverly Germann, Chris Griffiths. Row three: John Saylor, Ron Dierks, Hal Scott, Janet Monce,

Joyce Feasby, Mary Blake, Mr. Gallapoo. Row four: Jim Bebout, Frank Brown, Carol Grindahl, Beth Weeks, Dorothy Laing, Judy McCollum, Jean Hirn. Not pictured: Caroline Scott.

## Council Enacts Democratic Student Government



Student Council members are the four class presidents and representatives elected by each class. The purpose of the Student Council is to create and maintain a good school spirit and to act as the organization that interprets the general thinking and feeling of the student body. The members are divided into five squads: social, finance, courtesy, conduct, and assembly. Their activities include the Student Loan Plan, hall monitors, honor study hall, and the financing of the telephone for student use. They sponsored Dad's night during the football and basketball seasons, the annual "Turkey Wobble" dance, and an evening of cleaning the walls of our school. Jean Hirn and Don Black were the Council's representatives sent to the State Student Council Conference at Oxford, Ohio. The Council held a safety court and tried a traffic case involving a Van Wert student. The court proved its integrity with a wise decision and a just sentence. A student government is often difficult to establish but our Student Council has proved to be a successful one.

Top: Student Council members take the lead in keeping our school clean and neat. Bottom: Parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Scott, speak with Mr. Jones and Carol Grindahl on Parent-Teacher Night.

|               |                     |
|---------------|---------------------|
| Jerry Baer    | President           |
| Don Black     | Vice President      |
| Charles Young | Secretary-Treasurer |
| Mr. Baker     | Adviser             |
| Mr. Gallapoo  | Adviser             |



Row one: Marilyn Matthias, Sally Thompson, Mary Jane Ross, Laurinda Bate, Joyce Donahue, Jean Johnson, Jane Johnson. Row two: Marcile Merkle, Sandy Willett, Jim Speer, Doug Geary, Janet Monce, Joyce Feasby, Janet

Fauble. Row three: Second year members: Dorothy Weck, Judy Harden, Sally Coombs, Terry Devine, Roger Martin, Nan Cowan, Janice Prior, Barbara McDonald.

## Honor Students Are Rewarded for Achievement

The Van Wert High School chapter of the National Honor Society inducted fourteen newly elected members at an assembly in Lincoln Auditorium on April 10, 1957. Membership in the National Honor Society is limited to fifteen per cent of the senior class and five percent of the junior class. Election is

based upon the four qualities of scholarship, character, leadership, and service.

The new members received membership cards and pins at the ceremony. The speaker for the assembly was Dr. Paul Chiles of the First Methodist Church.



|              |       |                |
|--------------|-------|----------------|
| Terry Devine | ----- | President      |
| Dorothy Weck | ----- | Vice President |
| Judy Harden  | ----- | Secretary      |
| Roger Martin | ----- | Treasurer      |
| Mrs. White   | ----- | Adviser        |

During the induction ceremony Sandy Willett places her name on the permanent register.

A new organization made its debut in our high school this year. The Poster Club, initiated by Mr. Forwalters, the new art instructor, was created to fill the constant demand for advertising material.

In a flurry of paste, scissors, paper, and paint, the young artists were kept busy making posters for the bake sales, Homecoming, barbecue, penny lunches, movies, and various dances that were held throughout the year. Working on the scenery for Vocal Varieties provided the club members with valuable experience in the field of painting and design.

Although the students did the work on these projects during their art period, they gained a great deal of experience from the practical application of the techniques they learned during class time.

Janet Monce ..... President  
Larry Roth ..... Vice President  
Nancy Young ..... Business Manager  
Mr. Forwalters ..... Adviser



Right: Budding young artists practice drawing.

## New Poster Club Is a Service to Organizations

Larry Roth, Charles Ditto, John Lloyd, Dave Brown, Barbara Huffine, Margaret Winterer, Sue Evans, Barbara Merkle, Tim Jones, Norma Tinker, Janet Monce. Not pic-

tured: Joe Allen, Judy Coffelt, Janet McNeal, Gordon Knittle, Nancy Young.





The Science Club sells school supplies to make money.

|               |                |
|---------------|----------------|
| Larry Pennell | President      |
| Alice August  | Vice President |
| Susan Sheldon | Secretary      |
| Bob Mohr      | Treasurer      |
| Mr. Hablitzel | Adviser        |
| Mr. Spieth    | Adviser        |

This year, members of the four science classes organized the Science Club. Five standing committees were established to aid the officers. These are: program, finance, project, exhibit and display, and entertainment. In order to finance club activities, the members sold school supplies in the hall at noon. Geophysical research and electronic machines were the main topics at the meetings. A local science fair, an assembly program, and discussions of practical applications of science are the goals for next year.

## Interested Scientists Form Another New Club

Row one: Mr. Spieth, Dave Fell, Jerry Nills, Bob Mohr, Sue Sheldon, Alice August, Larry Pennell, Nancy Raabe, Jim Speer, Steve Van Kleeck, Max Coombs, Bruce Baker, Mr. Hablitzel. Row two: Dave Elzey, Paul Kaduk, Roger Gipe, Pat Hallam, Bob Faulkner, Terry Oetzel, Kenneth Wiedenmann, Jim Marker, Bill Scott, Dennis Schaffner. Row three: Don Elzey, John Hall, Doug Welker, Beth Weeks, Bruce Jarvis, Dennis Underwood, Paul Laemmle, Phil Harden, Karen Millhouse, Sandra Masure, Charles

Kanney. Row four: Dick Hoverman, Dave Hoverman, Gene Hubart, Allan Runser, Hal Scott, Ray Tanner, Margaret Winterer, Denise Kolter, Onley Heath. Row five: Rick O'Mara, Larry Johnson, Jim Imler, Sally Stewart, Helen Keirns, Carol Jean Kinsey, Karen Weirwille, Mary Kohn, Nancy Kohn, Pat Ireton. Not Pictured: Jim Bebout, Sue Evans, Roberta Harden, Harvey Ireton, Tim Jones, Dorothy Laing, Tim Miller.





Row one: Sally Thompson, Lois Hoffman, Sally Coombs, Chris Griffiths, Janet Monce, Bob Ainsworth, Doug Geary. Row two: Larry Pennell, Mike Pheneger, Sue Sheldon, Carol Grindahl, Judy Harden, Jean Bennett, Janice Prior, Mr. Coon. Not pictured: Barbara Ditto, Terry Devine,

Miriam Price, Caroline Scott, La Rita Whitcraft, Lora Allen, Mary Blake, Reg Burley, Karen Geisman, Nancy Kohn, Mary Jane Ross, Charleen Steele, Norma Tinker, Don Weirwille, Sandy Willett, Sharleen Wiseman.

## Speech Activities Create Confidence in Talents

|                 |                     |
|-----------------|---------------------|
| Chris Griffiths | President           |
| Miriam Price    | Vice President      |
| Caroline Scott  | Secretary-Treasurer |
| Mr. Coon        | Adviser             |

Declamation Team: Row one, Lois Hoffman, Sally Stewart, Sue Sheldon, Sally Thompson. Row two: Jean Bennett, Karen Geisman, Judy Harden.

Debate Team: Chris Griffiths, Mike Pheneger, Sally Coombs, Larry Pennell.





Row one: Dave Hoverman, Bob Blanke, Sally Stewart, Sally Thompson, Mary Jane Ross, Sally Coombs, Lois Hoffman, Chris Griffiths, Janet Monce, Francine Fell, Laurinda Bate, Bob Ainsworth, Mr. Coon, Don Schnepp. Row two: Helen Keirns, Larry Pennell, Sue Sheldon, Jean Bennett, Sharleen Wiseman, Linda Feasby, Norma Tinker, Pat Holtschult, John Young, Reg Burley, Don Elzey. Row three: Sharon Riggs, Mike Pheneger, Ron Sherer, Bob Gililand, Steve Van Kleeck, Ann Good, Karen Geisman, Joy Smith, Shelbyan Noggle, Susie Dermeyer, Sue Prior, Mar-

garet Ainsworth, Doug Geary. Row four: Barbara Ger-  
mann, Nancy Raabe, Judy Harden, Janice Prior, Joyce  
Rawlings, Janet Fauble, Barbara Hirn, Lora Allen, Barbara  
Huffine, Beverly Germann, Elise Hoeken, Carole Crosby,  
Carolyn Blackmore. Row Five: Janet Anderson, Pat Irton,  
Andrea Scarpelli, Sandy Willett, Carol Grindahl, Jona  
Runnion, Loella Rogers, Nancy Kohn, Mary Blake, Char-  
leen Steele, Mary Kohn, Trina Jackson, Dorothy Laing,  
Sara Drury, Jean Hirn, Roberta Harden, Nancy Louth.

Reserve Debate Team: Sue Sheldon, Dave Fell, Judy Harden, Sandy Willett.



The Masque and Gavel Club, an organization open to students interested in any phase of speech, maintained a very active schedule this year. Members of each class prepared programs for the meetings, and the group presented programs for seventeen different organizations in Van Wert.

The debate teams began the season with a practice session at Ohio State University. They participated in tournaments at Marysville and Delaware-Willis and competed in the Bowling Green District Contest. The varsity team won second place in the district.

The declamation team participated in four divisions: oratory, humorous, original oratory, and dramatic. Judy Harden won first place in original oratory and Sally Stewart placed second. Karen Geisman captured first place in straight oratory. Sue Sheldon placed second in dramatics and Sally Thompson was named alternate. Lois Hoffman was the alternate in the humorous division.

The Thespians held an induction banquet on May 23 at which they welcomed eighteen new members. The program consisted of a cutting from Noel Coward's *Blithe Spirit* and the presentation of awards. Sally Coombs and Chris Griffiths were each awarded a cup for their outstanding debating. Judy Harden won the Outstanding Thespian of the Year award. In its second year, our Thespian Troupe won seventh ranking in the state.

## Juniors Present Hilarious Comedy "Seventeen"



Bob Gilliland, Mary Blake, Anita Hitchcock, Bob Ainsworth, Charleen Steele, Ron Sherer, Chris Griffiths, Dorothy Laing, Don Weirville, Jim Speer, Lora Allen, Reg Burley, Mary Kohn, Lois Hoffman, Larry Pennell, Bob

Blanke. Not pictured: John Young, Beverly Germann, Susan Sheldon, Sally Thompson, Sharleen Wiseman, Mary Jane Ross.

The admirable results of many evenings of work mixed with fun appeared on December fifth and sixth when the Junior Class presented the annual class play. Under the direction of Clyde Coon, speech instructor of the high school, they presented the comedy "Seventeen," which is the story of Willie Baxter, a typical teen-ager, who thinks that girls have absolutely no place in his life until he meets Lola Pratt. Of course, like all teen-agers, he has his problems too. Among these are his kid sister, Jane, who always seems to get him in "hot water," and George Crooper. George and Willie are constantly trying to outdo each other in an attempt to impress Lola. The play was greatly enjoyed by everyone.

|                  |                  |
|------------------|------------------|
| William Sylvanus | Chris Griffiths  |
| Mr. Baxter       | Bob Ainsworth    |
| Joe Bullitt      | Jim Speer        |
| Genesis          | John Young       |
| Johnnie Watson   | Reg Burley       |
| George Crooper   | Bob Blanke       |
| Mr. Parcher      | Ron Sherer       |
| Wallie Banks     | Larry Pennell    |
| Jane Baxter      | Don Wierville    |
| Lola Pratt       | Bob Gilliland    |
| May Parcher      | Dorothy Laing    |
| Ethel Boke       | Mary Kohn        |
| Mary Brooks      | Lois Hoffman     |
| Mrs. Baxter      | Beverly Germann  |
|                  | Charleen Steele  |
|                  | Susan Sheldon    |
|                  | Lora Allen       |
|                  | Sally Thompson   |
|                  | Sharleen Wiseman |
|                  | Mary Blake       |
|                  | Mary Jane Ross   |
|                  | Anita Hitchcock  |



Exuberant quartet entertains guests at pleasurable lawn party.



Mrs. Baxter referees verbose battle between teen-age son, Willie, and kid-sister, Jane.



Willie belligerently asserts his position.



Jane impishly observes Willie's ardent attention to Lola as May Parcher and Johnnie Watson scrutinize magazine.



Standing: Jerry Baer, Dave Gamble, Larry Smith, Stan Smith, Terry Devine, Doug Geary, Roger Martin, Sally Coombs, Pat Holtschult, Don Schnepf, Caroline Scott, Jim

Smith, Judy Harden, Jan Runnion, Jean Bennett, Miriam Price, Mike Pheneger, Mr. Coon. Sitting: Ronny Dierks, Norma Tinker, Janet Monce, Laurinda Bate, Carol Grindahl.

## **“Copperhead” Is Dramatic Presentation of Seniors**

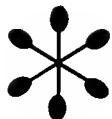


Joey Shanks explains the art of bullet molding to Grandma.



To relieve dramatic tension, the cast enjoys a moment of relaxation.

|                    |                |
|--------------------|----------------|
| Milt Shanks        | Jim Smith      |
| Martha Shanks      | Janet Monce    |
| Grandma Shanks     | Judy Harden    |
| Joey Shanks        | Norma Tinker   |
| Reverend Andrews   | Sally Coombs   |
| Newt Gillespie     | Ron Dierks     |
| Captain Hardy      | Don Schnepp    |
| Mrs. Bates         | Stan Smith     |
| Sue Bates          | Doug Geary     |
| Lem Tolland        | Laurinda Bate  |
| Sam Carter         | Jean Bennett   |
| Lincoln's Sergeant | Carol Grindahl |
| Soldiers           | Caroline Scott |
| Publicity          | Mike Pheneger  |
| Scenery            | Roger Martin   |
| Costumes           | Larry Smith    |
| Stage Manager      | Jerry Baer     |
|                    | Dave Gamble    |
|                    | Miriam Price   |
|                    | Janet Monce    |
|                    | Norma Tinker   |
|                    | Jan Runnion    |
|                    | Pat Holtschult |
|                    | Jerry Baer     |



Ma Shanks comforts Milt when she discovers that he is not the traitor he was believed to be.

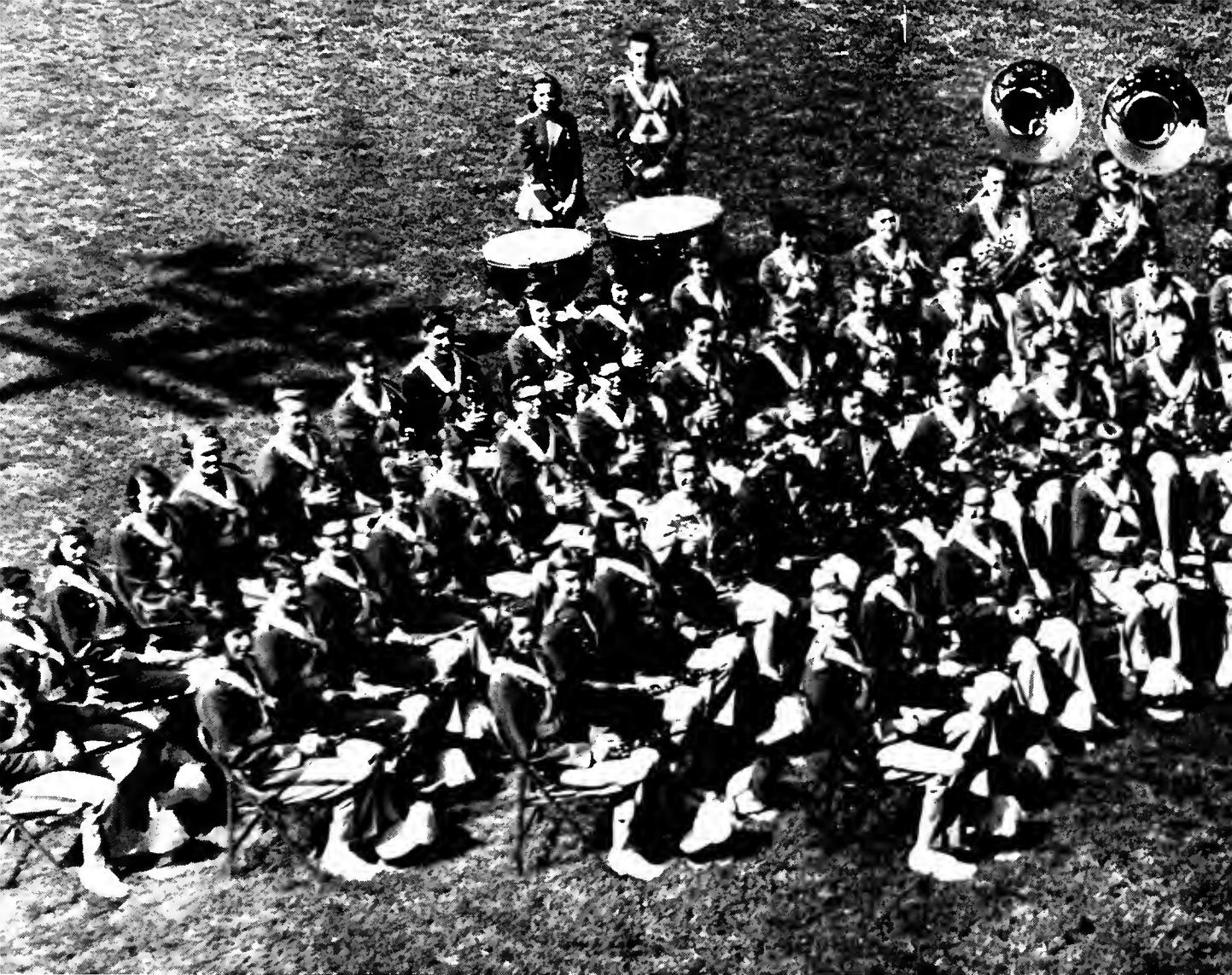
Copperhead, a Civil War drama, was presented by the senior class on May third and fourth under the direction of Mr. Clyde Coon. The play concerns Milt Shanks, an Illinois farmer who has refused to fight in the Union army. He has joined the Copperheads, an organization of Northerners who are sympathetic to the Southern cause. Joey, although only sixteen, volunteers and leaves with the Union forces. Joey is killed in the Battle of Vicksburg. Martha turns against her husband, for she feels that Joey is dead because of Milt. Everyone is against Milt. A letter from President Lincoln arrives expressing his deep appreciation for the work Milt has done in providing valuable information. Just as Martha finishes reading the letter, she hears in the distance the gunshot which kills Milt. Although she feels deeply the bitterness of losing Milt, she is comforted by the fact that he was not a "coward, a thief, a traitor, and a murderer."



Martha and Milt argue after they learn of Joey's death.



Martha rebukes Milt for his refusal to fight.

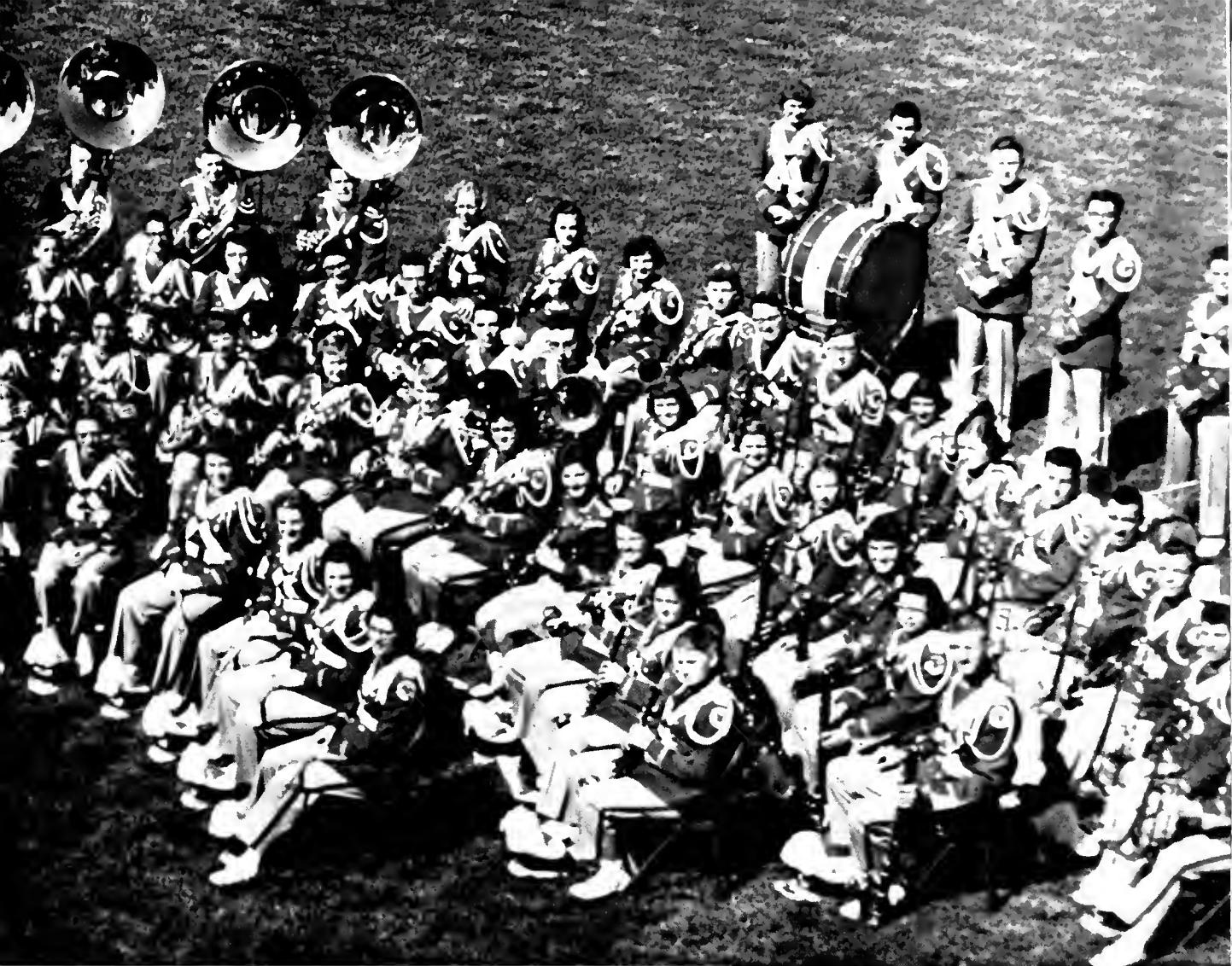


## Band Is Busy With Summer Work, Halftime Shows,



Black light added variety to this football spectacle.





Row one: Doug Geary, Joan Sterrett, Jean Gilliland, Corrine Katterheinrich, Diane Thomas, Dorothy Doner, Peg Stenger, Barbara Miller, Hazel Rhodenbaugh, Judy Harden. Row two: Nancy Louth, Nancy Williman, Barbara Sheets, Sally Coombs, Sara Drury, Nan Cowan, Jane Weeks, Chris Griffiths, Roger Martin, Karen Copeland, Sandy Mosure, Jean Bolinger, Beverly Taylor, Jadine Bell, Karen Millhouse, Helen Keirns, Caroline Scott, Sandy Agler, Sandy Willett. Row three: Janet Morris, Nancy Andrews, Nedra Wise, Pat Dunlap, Pat Mengerink, Bob Baker, Alan Rinard, Reg Burley, Loella Rogers, Lois Hoffman, Tony Todd, Jerry Wilhelm, Sue Williamson, Gale Tindall, Lendall Terry, Rodger Oetzel, Peggy Scarpelli, Paul Wilson, Dave Fell, Ron Sherer, Roger Schaffer,

Sharon Boyd, Susan Gribler, Susan Sheldon, Karen Geisman, Carolyn Rhodenbaugh, Stan Smith. Row four: Roberta Harden, Judy Hesher, Judy Hammond, Judy Shewalter, Cheri Runnion, Larry Dull, Judy Geary, Larry Joseph, Marjorie Spry, Dixie Gilliland, Sharon Ries, Carolyn Gilland, Marvin Everly, Bruce Baker, Jim Speer, Bob Faulkner, Bob Scaer, Jim Watkins, Roger Shimp, Barbara McDonald, Nancy Raabe, Nancy Ridenour, Della Mason, Dick Dippery, Gene Hubart, Mary Murphy, Martha Gingrich, Dick Knodel, Don Schnepp, Phil Harden, Larry Johnson, Andrea Scarpelli. Standing: Dorothy Laing, Larry Pennell, Karen Heffner, Jim Cochran, Joe Allen, Skip Van Kleeck, Kenny Louth. Not pictured: Jackie Hoghe, Jan Runnion.



## **Concerts, Parades, Contest, and Civic Services**



A good band comes from determination of members and Mr. Jones.

Hardworking musicians don't lack enthusiasm even in crowded conditions.

Majorettes: Dorothy Laing, Karen Geisman, Nan Cowan, Sally Coombs, Nancy Williman, Sara Drury, Helen Keirns.





Band members prepare to board bus for an exciting day at State Contest.

Pep band provides rousing music for all pep assemblies.

Exchange gifts are distributed at the band's Christmas Banquet.

From the opening day of school to the closing day and on through the summer, a band member's life is neither all work and no play nor all play and no work. After a few weeks' rest following school, the band, minus the seniors and plus the new freshmen, starts preparing for summer concerts to be presented at the ice cream socials. A trip to the Ohio State Fair makes a welcome break in the tough training and re-conditioning period designed to transform beginners into precision experts able to march down the field at one hundred eighty steps a minute playing instruments and staying in straight lines. The band gets its first tryout at marching on the Thursday of the Van Wert County Fair. In the afternoon, the band plays during the races.

When school begins, the band provides music and entertainment at the football games and pep assemblies.

Shortly before Christmas, came the transition from marching band to concert band. The concert band presented the Christmas vespers with the choir, gave a formal spring concert and took part in baccalaureate and commencement exercises. This spring, after receiving a superior rating in the district contest at Ada, the band went to Wooster for the state contest. It was the second year that Van Wert had participated in the state competition and we returned home proudly with an excellent rating.

The Band Parents Organization also helped earn money for new uniforms, instruments, and travel expenses. This year we sponsored a tag day and a cake mix sale. We purchased eight new basses and two alto clarinets.

Some of many city-wide events which the band participated in this year are: Peony Festival, Halloween Parade, Memorial Day Parade, dedication of a statue at the Borden's Cheese Factory, and ground-breaking ceremony at the Central.

The band's main social event was a dinner party given by the Band Parents during the Christmas season.





Row one: Diane Ashbaugh, Marie Lewis, Carol Grindahl, Jean Bennett, Shirley Tickle, Barbara Merkle, Mary Lou Germann, Karen Sowers, Jona Runnion, Caroline Scott, Sandy Willett, Loella Rogers, Susie Gribler, Joyce Feasby, Janice Prior, Diane Roth, Sara Drury, Nan Cowan. Row two: Arla Oechsle, Hazel Rhodenbaugh, Evelyn Stevens, Hilda Mericle, Beth Weeks, Dolores Week, Barbara Miller, Carolyn Williams, Donna Whitcraft, Marsha Blake, Char-

leen Steele, Joyce Beall, Nancy Andrews, Nancy Williman, Lora Verne Allen, Ann Hartge, Judy Harden, Ann Gribler, Miriam Price. Row three: Sally Coombs, Norma Tinker, Linda Krick, Della Mason, Carol Hesher, Connie Wallace, Corrine Katterheinrich, Sally Stewart, Karen Geisman, Peg Stenger, Jane Johnson, Joyce Donahue, Jean Johnson, Nancy Louth, Helen Keirns, Sally Thompson, Mary Jane Ross, Mary Ellen Keith, Sharleen Wiseman, Andrea Scar-

## A Cappella Choir Offers Superior Music Experience

The Van Wert a cappella choir, a very active organization, consists of nearly one hundred sophomores, juniors, and seniors. During the year the choir has sung at school assemblies and for graduation ceremonies. At the Christmas season the choir presented a vesper service, sang at Rotary and Kiwanis, and gave their annual concert for the Woman's Club.

In March the choir presented their sixth annual Vocal Varieties. The program was a campus scene featuring a pep assembly, a music lesson, a history lesson, and climaxing

with a moving religious scene. Soloists were Don Weirwille, Miriam Price, Arla Oechsle, Caroline Scott, Chris Griffiths, Karen Geisman, Bob Stevens, and Sally Stewart. This is the eighth year that the choir has received a superior rating in the state contest, as well as in the district competition. Several members of the choir also won superior and excellent ratings in the district and state solo contests. It is an honor to be a member of this organization, which is rated as one of the finest choirs in the state.



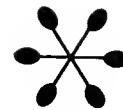
pelli, Roberta Harden, Dorothy Weck. Row four: Jerry Miracle, Jim Bebout, Steve Van Kleeck, Terry Oetzl, Dave Hoverman, Tom Reynolds, Clarence Huffine, Pat Hallam, Bob Matthias, Gordon Knittle, David Witten, Carl Withrow, Terry Blue, Bob Scaer. Row five: Stan Smith, Bob Ainsworth, Roger Martin, Don Weirwille, Don Ford, Ronnie Krick, Jack Fraker, Don Beck, Rodger Bechtol,

Don Black, Larry Pennell, Herb Scaer, Louis Crow, Howard Shaw, Bob Stevens, Ron Sherer, Chris Griffiths. Not pictured: Marilyn Matthias, Sandi Ramsey, Carolyn Rhodenbaugh, Neil Good, Dorothy Laing, Linda Stemen, Dorothy Doner, Trina Jackson, Carolyn Mosier, Donna Whitcraft, Florence Zinsmeister, Bill Miller.





Row one: Shelbyan Noggle, Joy Smith, Peggy Scarpelli, Marilyn Fast, Sharon Slane, Sue Prior, Carole Crosby, Francine Fell, Sandra Masure, Nancy Ridenour, Margaret Winterer, Nancy Blackmore, Nancy Williams, Jean Bolinger, Karen Wierwille, Bonnie Lou Parks, Barbara Germann, Louise DeCamp. Row two: Nancy Sidle, Shirley Welker, Janice Stoller, Linda McCarty, Phyllis Finnegan, Sherrill Adams, Alice August, Betty McKeddie, Sue Williamson, Jean Gilliland, Elise Hoeken, Linda Hall, Judy Anderson, Sonja Ford, Gertrude Hardman, Shirley Lane, Gloria Evans. Row three: Mr. Jones, Barbara Haines, Charlotte Sherman, Joy Sink, Joyce Davis, Alice Horine, Denise Kolter, Nancy Rager, Sharon Boyd, Martha Conn, Vera Corathers, Pat Ireton, Karen Bagley, Diane Thomas, Sandra Soules, Rachael Balliet, Gale Tindall, Sandra Agler. Row four: Fred Place, Thomas Webster, Wendell Williams, Charles Sanders, Larry Joseph, Phil Holtkamp, Jim Marker, Paul Laemmle, Richard Counsellor, Phil Harden, Bob Faulkner, Vernon Oechsle, Jim Jerome, Kenneth Wiedenmann, Ray Alvarado, Larry Carter, Jerry Fisher, Jim Rogers. Row five: Mike Slane, Jerry Thatcher, Jim Roberts, Allan Runser, Hal Scott, Raymond Casarez, John Burris, Don Krick, Doug Maxim, Bruce Jarvis, Bruce Baker, Don Thompson, Tim Jones, Ed Hammond, Bary Secaur, Rodger Oetzel, Paul Wilson. Not pictured: Ann Poling.



Abe Lincoln and Union and Rebel soldiers set the mood for choir's Civil War music.



Musicians who competed at district and state contest: Caroline Scott, Susie Gribler, Doug Geary, Sally Thompson, Dorothy Doner, Karen Millhouse, Karen Geisman. Not pictured: Arla Oechsle, Sally Stewart, Barb Miller, Corrine Katterheinrich, Nan Cowan, Helen Keirns, Bob Stevens.

A quartet, Bob Ainsworth, Don Black, Steve Van Kleeck, and Ron Sherer, present a novel skit to the tune of "Walking My Baby Back Home."

Boys' Ensemble: Bob Stevens, Chris Griffiths, Bob Scaer, Ron Sherer, Larry Pennell, Rodger Bechtol, Steve Van Kleeck, Don Wierwille; Joyce Feasby, accompanist.

Caroline Scott sings "If I Loved You" in Prom scene.

The refreshments, movies, and dancing at the choir party bring to a close another "Vocal Varieties."

## V. I. C. Learns To Be Effective "Breadwinners"



Sitting: Don May, Van Wert Radio and Television; Don Johnson, County Engineering Office; Danny Butler, Butler's Bakery; Larry DuCheney, Doyle Poling, Carpentry; Dave Allen, Brown and Compton Contractors. Standing: Dick Caldwell, Henney Printing; Neil Good, National Seal; David Myers, Purdy Motor Sales; Lester Raker, Keyser's Radio and TV Service; Frank Boroff, Doran Holbrook, Painter; Larry Agler, Bushong Brothers Ford Service; Cary Proffitt, Proffitt's Garage; Ronnie Schaffer, McCormick Tractor Sales; Jim Agler, Pennell Machine Works. Not pictured: Bill Winters, Butler's Bakery; Jim Wiseman, Gorman Electric Company.

To give service to school, self, and community is the function of the Vocational Industrial Club. For this service the V. I. C. has won six Gold Awards of Merit. This represents each year of the existence of the organization. To attain the award this year the club contributed to the Community Chest, gave a basket of food to a needy family at Christmas, held open house, and helped with other school-community activities. The V. I. C. traveled to Columbus in the fall and spring to participate in Chapter Procedure Contest, Job Application Contests, and Extemporaneous Speaking Contest. This year the club won three Gold Awards and one Silver Award. Social events included a Christmas party, a trip to view the state government in action, and the annual employer-employee banquet.

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|----------------|---------------------|
| Bill Winters   | President           |
| Dan Butler     | Vice President      |
| Don May        | Secretary-Treasurer |
| Dave Allen     | Sergeant-at-Arms    |
| Larry DuCheney | Reporter            |
| Mr. Davis      | Adviser             |

Dick Caldwell is on the job with his employer.

At their annual Christmas party, members of V. I. C. and their guests enjoy dancing.



## F. H. A. Girls Become Efficient "Breadmakers"



Row one: Carolyn Williams, Janice Stoller, Joyce Tope, Jona Runnion, Jan Ruunion. Row two: Judy Showalter, Judy Bates, Lucille Leaser, Patty Steele, Dixie Tope, Dixie Gilliland, Miss Sawyer. Row three: Nancy Rager, Lois

Parsons, Margaret Withrow, Jean Hammond, Nancy Williams, Kay Goins, Gertrude Hardman, Shirley Lane. Not pictured: Linda Terry.

Joyce Tope, past president, conducts installation of new officers.



The Future Homemakers of America began their year with an organizational meeting and a wiener roast. The local chapter initiated two new clubs in the Ohio City and Willshire schools. The activities for the year included installation of officers and demonstrations of parliamentary procedure and civil defense. The club sponsored a record hop with the theme "Igloo Inn." Mrs. Eugene Runnion and Mrs. Ben Lane were elected chapter mothers. These Future Homemakers exemplified their motto: to provide training for each chapter member for participation in home, school, and community activities.

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| Joyce Tope       | President       |
| Jona Runnion     | Vice President  |
| Janice Stoller   | Secretary       |
| Jan Runnion      | Treasurer       |
| Carolyn Williams | Parliamentarian |
| Miss Sawyer      | Adviser         |



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| Jackie Hoghe     | President      |
| Janice Prior     | Vice President |
| Carol Hesher     | Secretary      |
| Mary Lou Germann | Treasurer      |

The Girls' Athletic Association, under the direction of Mrs. Ayers, started the year with their annual hike which provided the first twenty-five points required to be a member. A variety of activities took place throughout the year, including potluck suppers honoring our athletic teams, and a banquet in the spring for the seniors and the new cabinet members.

In the intramural program, teams from the freshman, sophomore, junior, and senior classes were selected to compete in speedball, volleyball, basketball, and softball. The club also sponsored bowling activities.

Members who qualified under the G. A. A. point system were presented with numerals and letters at the awards assemblies.

## School Sports Develop

The V-Club differs from other organizations in that it is an honor club rather than an activity club. Membership in this organization includes the acceptance of high ideals of sportsmanship and clean living. Boys who have earned their varsity "V" for successful participation in athletics are eligible for membership. Among their projects is the selling of ice cream at basketball games.

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| Larry Feeney   | President           |
| Ron Dierks     | Vice President      |
| John Edwards   | Secretary-Treasurer |
| Mr. Livingston | Adviser             |

One of the G. A. A.'s annual projects is decorating the school Christmas tree in the study hall.

Girls get in on the sports scene with intramurals. Although the rules are different, girls' basketball is interesting and highly competitive.



Row one: Carole Crosby, Gail Harley, Alice August, Carol Sue Baxter, Judy McCollum, Suzy Binkley, Mary Kohn, Carol Hesher, Janice Prior, Jackie Hoghe, Mary Lou Ger-  
mann, Kathy Wells, Judy Geary, Jane Johnson, Jane Ann  
Myers, Corrine Katterheinrich, Sandra Mosure, Nancy  
Ridenour, Jean Johnson, Mrs. Ayers. Row two: Sandra  
Arnold, Jadine Bell, Marilyn Fast, Donna Whitcraft, Char-  
lotte Sherman, Sharon Slane, Nancy Williams, Shirley  
Welker, Betty McKeddie, Karen Heffner, Jean Gilliland,  
Phyllis Finnegan, Sue Ralston, Peggy Tomlinson, Ellen  
August, Linda Terry, Barbara Holmes, Opal Clouse, Linda  
Feasby, Margaret Winterer. Row three: Sandy Miller,  
Barbara Sheets, Linda McCarty, Bonnie Caldwell, Shel-

bryan Noggle, Roberta Harden, Joy Sink, Denise Kolter,  
Nancy Rager, Terry Beall, Alice Horine, Sandra Agler,  
Shirley Dunno, Marsha Blake, Sara Agler, Nancy Myers,  
Beverly Germann. Row four: Pat Finkhousen, Diane Roth,  
Trina Jackson, Karen Sowers, Brenda Smitley, Joyce Davis,  
Sherrill Adams, Jane Weeks, Sue Williamson, Nancy  
Young, Karen Bagley, Peg Stenger, Virginia Harvey, Linda  
Waldron, Cheyrl Dickson, Marie Baker, Dorothy Miller,  
Judy Hesher, Judy Hammond, Barbara Miller. Not pic-  
tured: Sharon Boyd, Peg Brown, Marjorie Gallaway, Car-  
olyn Hartge, Leigh Ann Kinkle, Marie Lewis, Pat Mengen-  
rink, Nancy Myers, Cheri Runnion, Sally Stewart, Nancy  
Williams.

## **Cooperation, Teamwork, and Sportsmanship**

Row one: Jerry Baer, Larry Bowersock, Jerry Nills, Larry  
Smith, Dave Gamble, Louis Thomas, Bryce Fauble, Bob  
Stevens. Row two: Don Black, Bill Fowler, Ron Dierks,  
Roger Gipe, Charles Young, Rick O'Mara, George White.

Row three: Jim Imler, Charles Ditto, Larry Johnson, Mr.  
Livingston, John Edwards, Onley Heath. Not pictured: Jim  
Smith, Dan Butler, Larry Feeney, Don Good.



## To Create, Maintain, and Extend Through the Home,



Because of the popularity of the Hi-Y club, a Junior Hi-Y organization was formed for the freshmen and sophomore boys. The Senior Hi-Y conducted the induction service for the thirty-eight members at the Presbyterian Church. Their projects included selling pop and candy at the Y-League basketball games and ushering during holy week at the Ohio Theater for the showing of "The Robe." They participated in the regional meeting at Bowling Green which preceded the Model Legislature at Columbus. The club sponsored a district Hi-Y workshop at the Y. M. C. A. This meeting was held to point out the aims and accomplishments of the Hi-Y organization.

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| Pat Hallam     | President      |
| Bob Stevens    | Vice President |
| Charles Ingman | Secretary      |
| Rod Johnson    | Treasurer      |
| Bob Matthias   | Reporter       |
| Dave Fell      | Chaplain       |
| Mr. Mankin     | Adviser        |



Top left: Ronnie Thatcher lights his candle as other new members watch during impressive induction ceremony.

Middle left: Selling pop at basketball game is one of the money-making projects of the Hi-Y.

Row one: Rodger Oetzel, David Hoverman, Bruce Jarvis, Dave Fell, Pat Hallam, Bob Stevens, Rod Johnson, Charles Ingman, Bruce Baker, John Burris, Mr. Mankin. Row two: Don Thompson, Ben Reidenbach, Richard Grove, Paul Kaduk, Jerry Fryer, Doug Maxim, Bill Stanley, Douglas Snyder, Don Smitley. Row three: Larry Joseph, David Shupe, Richard Hoverman, Phil Holtschult, Paul Laemmle, Dennis Underwood, Vernon Oechsle, Bob G. Miller, Ed Hammond. Row four: Bary Secaur, John Lloyd, Jim Rogers, Jim Neiford, Hal Scott, Allan Runser, Tom Lause, Gary Etzler, Kent McMillen.



# School, and Community Standards of Christian Living

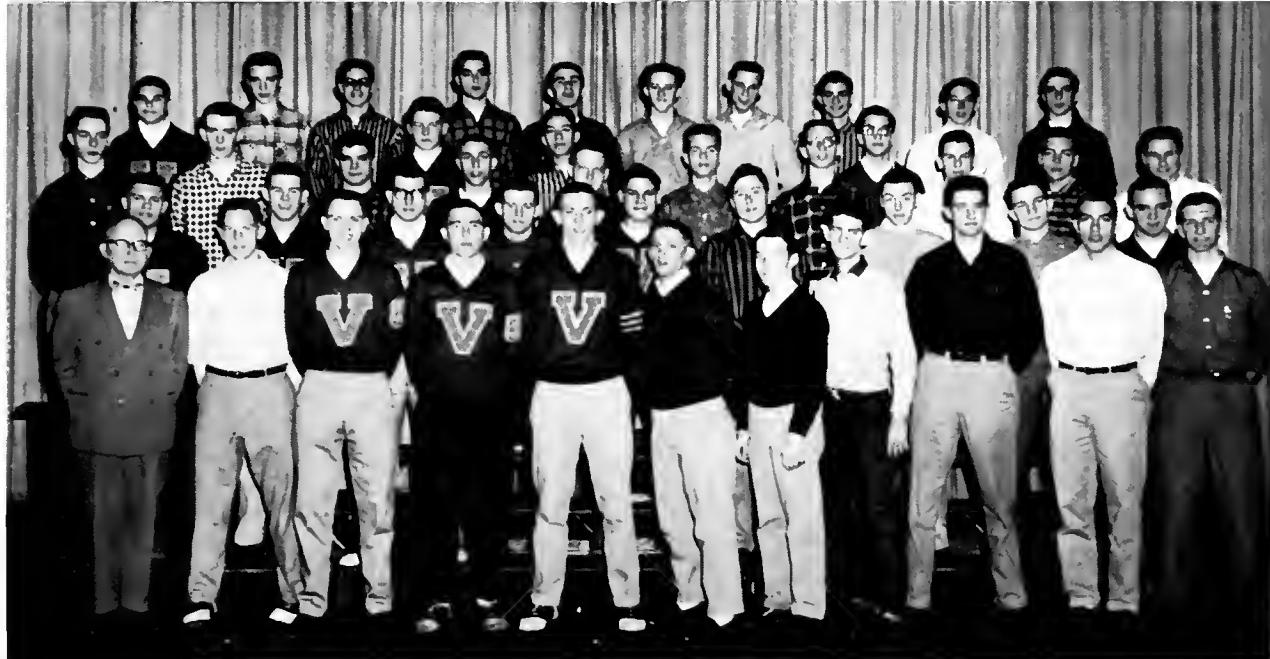
The Hi-Y Club has a high purpose which places responsibility on each member. The group began its year with the induction of members at the St. Mark's Lutheran Church. During the year the club assumed the responsibility for the Y. M. C. A. school membership drive, sponsored the Thanksgiving assembly, was host to the District-Seven spring meeting, attended the joint meeting with the Senior Y-teens, and assisted in the city cleanup drive. Club representatives to the Model Legislature in Columbus were Larry Pennell and Don Black.

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| Larry Smith   | President      |
| Ron Dierks    | Vice President |
| Jim Smith     | Secretary      |
| Mike Pheneger | Treasurer      |
| Jerry Baer    | Chaplain       |
| Dave Gamble   | Reporter       |
| Mr. Rauch     | Adviser        |

Top right: Senior Hi-Y helps in city-wide cleanup program.

Middle right: Selling Christmas Seals is a service project.

Row one: Mr. Rauch, Jim Presler, Dave Gamble, Jerry Baer, Larry Smith, Ron Dierks, Mike Pheneger, Don Weirwille, Terry Devine, Don Schnepp, Stan Smith. Row two: John Edwards, Jerry Nills, Larry Bowersock, Bill Fowler, Louis Thomas, Joe Allen, Larry Pennell, Jim Speer, Don Black. Row three: Roger Martin, Ronnie Spray, Rick O'Mara, Roger Gipe, John Young, Dave Stittsworth, Terry Oetzel, Bob Ainsworth, Dennis Schaffner, Neil Good. Row four: Jim Imler, Larry Johnson, Gary Tomczak, Steve Van Kleeck. Row five: Herb Scaer, Charles Kanney, Bill Winters, Howard Shaw, Roger Bradford, Tom Uncapher, Frank Brown, Ron Sherer. Not pictured: Jim Smith, Bill Scott, Larry Feeney.





#### **JUNIOR Y-TEENS**

Row one: Mrs. Brooks, Helen Keirns, Roberta Harden, Sharon Ries, Kathy Wells, Connie Wallace, Mary Ellen Keith, Dorothy Doner, Charlotte Sherman, Suzy Binkley, Sharon Slane, Elise Hoeken, Sally Stewart, Mrs. Galbreath. Row two: Louise DeCamp, Janet Davis, Corrine Katterheinrich, Bonnie Caldwell, Nedra Wise, Karen Heffner, Jean Gilliland, Carol Sue Baxter, Margaret Winterer, Ellen August, Ann Gribler, Carole Crosby. Row three: Sue Prior, Jean Bolinger, Sara Agler, Marsha Blake, Joy Smith, Ann Good, Carol Jean Kinsey, Nancy Rager, Denise Kolter, Nancy Andrews, Sue Williamson, Pat Ingman, Karen Bagley. Row four: Ann Poling, Janice Stoller, Betty McKeddie, Diane Thomas, Barbara German, Linda McCarty, Susie Dermyer, Claudia Green, Shelbyan Noggle, Sara Drury, Karen Weirville, Dixie Tope, Alice Horine, Sharon Boyd. Row five: Janice Huffine, Gale Tindall, Pat Ireton, Joyce Davis, Pat Dunlap, Donna Whitcraft, Peg Stenger, Susie Gribler, Judy McCollum, Trina Jackson, Jane Weeks, Judy Hesher, Lyn Feigert, Judy Hammond, Joy Sink, Margaret DeMoss, Janet Anderson, Sandra Sowles. Not pictured: Rosalyn Coffelt, Linda Eschbach, Cheri Runnion, Judy Thatcher, Shirley Welker, Becky Wisener, Nancy Young.

#### **SENIOR Y-TEENS**

Row one: Miss Lown, Sandy Makuh, Joyce Donahue, Janet Morris, Judy Beall, Marilyn Matthias, Norma Tinker, Laurinda Bate, Nan Cowan, Joyce Feasby, Nancy Williman, Pat Holtschult, Sally Thompson, Mary Jane Ross. Row two: Lois Hoffman, Jackie Hoghe, Margaret Ainsworth, Sue Sheldon, Linda Feasby, Sue Evans, Beth Ann Weeks, Joyce Beall, Opal Clause, Sally Coombs, Sharleen Wiseman, Hilda Mericle, Evelyn Stevens. Row three: Beverly Germann, Marcile Merkle, Jan Runnion, Janet Monce, Mary Kohn, Jona Runnion, Loella Rogers, Nancy Kohn, Charleen Steele, Lora Verne Allen, Carolyn Blackmore, Janet Anderson, Sharon Wise, Tonetta Dustman, Mary Blake. Row three: Ella Hofmann, Carolyn Rhodenbaugh, Linda Poling, Dolores Week, Joyce Rawlings, Judy Harden, Janice Prior, Carolyn Williams, Barbara Sheets, Jadine Bell, Nancy Raabe, Dorothy Laing, Diane Ashbaugh, Barbara Merkle. Row five: Karen Sowers, Dorothy Week, Shirley Tickle, Marie Lewis, Janet Fauble, Carol Grindahl, Jean Bennett, Sandy Willett, Karen Waymire, Barbara Hirn, Linda Stemen, Carol Hesher, Sandra Wise, Dorothy Vetter, Sandra Feasby, Barbara Huffine. Not pictured: Joyce Tope, Caroline Scott, Brenda Smitley, LaRita Whitcraft, Peg Brown, Carolyn Hartge.



## Our Y-Teens Groups Stress Loyalty and Service



The Senior Y-Teens is an organization sponsored by Van Wert High School and the Y.W.C.A. The purpose of the club is "to build a fellowship of women and girls devoted to the task of realizing in our common life those ideals of personal and social living to which we are committed by our faith as Christians. In this endeavor we seek to understand Jesus, to share His love for all people, and to grow in the knowledge and love of God." During the year they sponsored a Valentine Dance, a Spring dance, a joint meeting with the Senior Hi-Y, and the Easter Assembly. The organization contributed time and money to many worthy causes. The girls helped with the Heart Fund, served Business Women's dinners, and sent a Care package to Germany.



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| Nan Cowan      | President      |
| Joyce Feasby   | Vice President |
| Caroline Scott | Secretary      |
| Nancy Williman | Treasurer      |
| Miss Lown      | Adviser        |



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| Mary Ellen Keith  | President      |
| Connie Wallace    | Vice President |
| Dorothy Doner     | Secretary      |
| Charlotte Sherman | Treasurer      |
| Mrs. Galbreath    | Adviser        |
| Mrs. Brooks       | Adviser        |

Left pictures: The Christmas meeting was held in the Rendezvous Room at the Y.W.C.A. Refreshments were served after the meeting. The program was entertaining as well as meaningful.

## Rendezvous Committee Works With School and YW



The Rendezvous Committee is composed of sixteen members, four from each class, who are elected at the beginning of their freshman year and serve throughout their four years of high school.

Their major project is the annual Snowball dance which is held during the Christmas holiday season. This year's theme, "Silver Bells," was very beautifully carried out in decorations of French blue and silver. Boughs of holly and evergreen added to the festive atmosphere. The traditional Snowball revolving in the center of the ceiling cast a sparkling shimmer over the room. Suspended from the Snowball was a sprig of mistletoe to symbolize holiday romance. Music for the formal dance was by the Bel-Airs.

The committee opened the Rendezvous Room at the Y.W.C.A. for high school students on Monday and Saturday nights. Members also sold candy, gum, and hot dogs on Saturday afternoons to skaters at the Y. W.

Record hops help finance Snowball.

Snowball highlights the Christmas season.



Row one: Joyce Feasby, Joy Smith, Laurinda Bate, Ann Good, Nancy Williman, Barbara Germann, Elise Hoeken, Nan Cowan. Row two: Bill Stanley, Phil Holtschult, Jim

Bell, Bryce Fauble, Ronnie Dierks, Jerry Nills, Jim Imler, Larry Smith.

## Community Is Alert For Good Citizenship

Susan Sheldon, Girls State delegate; Mary Jane Ross, alternate; Jim Speer, Chris Griffiths, Boys State delegates.

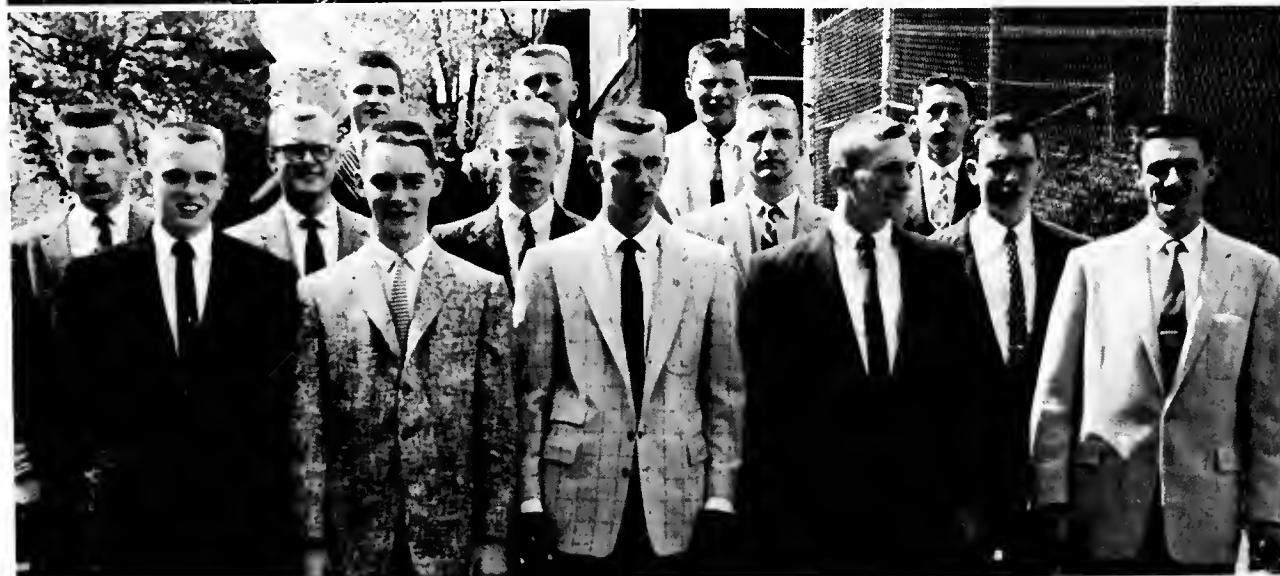
Two senior girls from each school in the county are chosen to take the D. A. R. Good Citizenship Test. This examination includes Ohio History, American History, and an essay. A Good Citizenship Medal is awarded to the county winner, who was Sally Coombs this year.

Two junior boys are chosen to attend Buckeye Boys State at Camp Perry and one junior girl is chosen to participate in Buckeye Girls State at Capital University. The delegates spend a wonderfully busy and satisfying week engaged in model government.

This year fourteen senior boys were chosen to attend Van Wert Rotary Club meetings. The Rotarians selected Stan Smith and Terry Devine to attend the Council of World Affairs in Cincinnati. These two boys spoke to the club about their experiences at the Council. In the late spring, all the Junior Rotarians presented a panel discussion on the need for a new high school.

Left: Sally Coombs, Nan Cowan, D. A. R. Contestants.

Row one: Dave Gamble, Roger Martin, Jim Smith, Larry Smith, Terry Devine. Row two: Neil Good, Doug Geary, Jim Presler, Stan Smith, Jerry Baer. Row three: John Saylor, Ronnie Dierks, John Edwards, Frank Brown.





Row one: Doug Geary, Jim Behout, Herb Scaer, Jim Bell, Rod Johnson, Nancy Louth, Jean Hirn, Judy McCollum, Susie Gribler, Karen Geisman, Ron Sherer, Reg Burley, Janet Morris, Mrs. White, Jean Johnson, Joyce Donahue, Roger Martin. Row two: Don Smitley, Marcile Merkle, Jim Watkins, Paul Kaduk, David Witten, Harvey Iretton, Rodger Bechtol, Sue Evans, Jerry Nills, Mary Jane Ross, Beverly German, Linda Feasby, Sally Stewart, Ann Gribler, Mary Ellen Keith, Norma Tinker, Jane Johnson. Row three: Pat Holtschult, Don Weirville, Alan Rinard, Phil Holtkamp, Corrine Katterheinrich, Sharon Ries, Sharon Slane, Richard O'Mara, Louis Crow, Dorothy Doner, Lora Allen,

Charlotte Sherman, Nancy Andrews, Helen Keirns, Sally Coombs. Row four: David Fell, Diane Thomas, Brenda Smitley, Connie Wallace, Beth Weeks, Nancy Raabe, Larry Pennell, Chris Griffiths, Sara Drury, Elise Hoeken, Andrea Scarpelli, Trina Jackson, Joyce Feasby, Barb Hirn, Janice Prior, Joy Sink, Ann Good. Row five: Linda Waldron, Margaret DeMoss, Karen Sowers, Dorothy Weck, Susan Sheldon, Judy Harden, Barbara Merkle, Dorothy Laing, Kathy Wells, Mary Blake, Nancy Kohn, Loella Rogers, Sandy Willett, Mary Kohn, Peg Stenger, Joyce Rawlings. Not pictured: Caroline Scott, Miriam Price.

Row one: Reg Burley, Laurinda Bate, Pat Holtschult, Terry Devine, Sally Coombs, Judy Harden, Linda Feasby, Norma Tinker, Mary Ellen Keith, Mary Jane Ross, Joyce Donahue, Mr. Gallapoo. Row two: Sue Prior, Ann Poling, Jean Bolinger, Marsha Blake, Trina Jackson, Nancy Louth, Dorothy Doner, Sara Agler, Janet Davis, Sandy Makuh. Row three: Dorothy Weck, Helen Keirns, Andrea Scarpelli,

Beth Weeks, Marcile Merkle, Sue Sheldon, Barb Hirn, Janice Prior, Roberta Harden, Joy Smith, Jean Gilliland. Row four: Sally Stewart, Jean Bennett, Dolores Weck, Joyce Rawlings, Janet Fauble, Mary Blake, Loella Rogers, Sandy Willett, Peg Stenger, Charlotte Sherman, Susie Gribler. Not pictured: Caroline Scott, Carolyn Rhodenbaugh, Nan Cowan.



## Laeti Latini Enjoy Sumptuous Roman Feast

In its second year, Laeti Latini is now well established as our chapter of the Junior Classical League. All those who are studying or have completed Latin II are eligible for membership. Laeti Latini meetings were held during noon hours. Programs concerned Roman culture and customs and the evolution of our present calendar. At the Christmas meeting guests were served Roman punch while tapers burned in tiny Romanesque candlesticks.

The club's most important event was the spring Roman Banquet on May 13. Although this was a sophomore project, juniors and seniors were guests and freshmen "slaves" served the meal. The high school gym was converted into a Roman courtyard for the banquet. Guests used Latin table manners and ate "ab ova ad mala", from eggs to apples. After the feast, prizes were awarded for the most authentic costumes. Entertainment included a Latin playlet, a girls' quintet, and a gladiatorial combat.

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| Jean Hirn     | President      |
| Nancy Louth   | Vice President |
| Judy McCollum | Secretary      |
| Rod Johnson   | Treasurer      |
| Mrs. White    | Adviser        |

## Interest in Teaching Thrives in F. T. A.

The F. T. A. is an organization of young people preparing to be teachers. The programs for the year began with a talk by Mr. Bennett on Teaching Opportunities Within Our State and City. Rhea Elston, an elementary teacher, spoke to the group about the Cadet Course which she completed recently. The club arranged for a panel discussion on "What I Expect of the Public School System." Speakers were: a businessman, a clergyman, a mother, and a teacher.

The F. T. A. Chapter sponsored a Future Teachers Workshop for local and county club members. Mr. John Hall, assistant supervisor for the Ohio Education Association, opened the meeting with a brief address. Discussion groups led by various teachers preceded the final session. The workshop was such a success that Mr. Hall has suggested that it be expanded to include the entire district.

Throughout the year, members were called upon to do substitute teaching in elementary schools. The club spent an afternoon observing city and county schools. The year closed with the election of next year's officers and a picnic at Mr. Gallapoo's farm.

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|--------------|------------------|
| Sally Coombs | President        |
| Judy Harden  | Vice President   |
| Linda Feasby | Secretary        |
| Terry Devine | Treasurer        |
| Dorothy Weck | Program Chairman |
| Mr. Gallapoo | Adviser          |

Top: F. T. A. members picnicked at Mr. Gallapoo's farm. Middle: Latin Banquet features delicious food served by submissive slaves. Bottom: Phil Holtkamp, Rod Johnson, Judy McCollum, Peg Stenger, and Elise Hoeken star in the Latin version of Red Riding Hood.





The journalism students published the Scarlet Quill as a class project and a service to the school. This year ten issues containing school news, feature stories, and novelty items were distributed. The staff helped with Homecoming activities by providing gifts for the queen and her court and by wrapping the goal posts for the game. Selling cougar car plates, basketball pins, and Van Wert stickers helped meet expenses. This year's staff compiled all available past issues of the Scarlet Quill and had them bound into a single volume.

Standing: Judy Harden, Miriam Price, Barb Hirn, Norma Tinker, Joyce Rawlings, Janet Fauble, Sally Coombs. Sitting: Pat Holtschult, Sandy Willett. Not pictured: Carol Grindahl, LaRita Whiteraff.

Janet Fauble ..... First semester editor  
 Norma Tinker ..... Second semester editor

## Publications Staffs Practice Learned Theories

Making money, taking pictures, making money, typing, making money and writing copy — these jobs have kept the Excalibur Staff a very busy group of workers. In September the staff was organized. Everyone was placed on either the business staff or the editorial staff. The school year was started with the Homecoming Dance sponsored by the Excalibur Staff. Night after night, they cut prisms, wrapped prisms, and hung prisms on the three chandeliers which set a ballroom scene to carry out the theme of the dance, "The Queen and I". The staff also sold pennants and mums before the game.

The Excalibur is the product of the entire staff. During the year the staff sponsored projects such as the barbecue before the St. Marys game, two penny lunches, and selling stuffed dogs, shakeroos, and candy. It took long, tedious hours and many blue slips to count those tax stamps. The year closed with concentration on the sales campaign and the final efforts of the editorial staff. They suffered from loss of sleep, writers' cramp, and other problems, but they finished at last. This is your Excalibur. The staff hopes you like it.

|                  |                               |
|------------------|-------------------------------|
| Sally Coombs     | Editor-in-Chief               |
| Norma Tinker     | Picture Editor and Cartoonist |
| Sandy Willett    | Copy Editor                   |
| Judy Harden      | Identifications and Captions  |
| Larry Smith      | Sports Editor                 |
| Diane Roth       | Sports Editor                 |
| Janet Monce      | Art Editor                    |
| Marilyn Matthias | Typist                        |
| Stan Smith       | Photographer                  |
| Jean Bennett     | Candy Sales                   |
| Pat Holtschult   | Tax Stamps                    |



Row one: Larry Smith, Dave Gamble, Sandy Makuh, Janet Morris, Joyce Donahue, Sally Coombs, Laurinda Bate, Norma Tinker, Sandy Willett, Janet Monce, Judy Beall, Stan Smith. Row two: Mrs. Burkam, Terry Devine, Jackie Hoghe, Jan Runnion, Pat Holtschult, Marilyn Matthias, Nan Cowan, Jim Presler, Roger Martin, Don Schnepf. Row three: Jerry Baer, John Edwards, Ron Dierks, Bill Fowler, Mike Pheneger, Louis Thomas, Frank Brown, Janice Prior, Ed DeCamp, Doug Geary. Row four: Dorothy Weck,

Sandy Willett, Janet Fauble, and Norma Tinker count money received from sale of Scarlet Quill.

Proceeds from penny lunches such as this one help finance your Excalibur.

Andrea Scarpelli, Barbara Blanke, Dolores Weck, Joyce Rawlings, Judy Harden. Row five: Karen Sowers, Mary Lou Germann, Shirley Tickle, Linda Poling, Marie Lewis, Janet Fauble, Carol Grindahl, Jean Bennett, Barbara Merkle, Barbara McDonald, Barbara Hirn, Diane Roth, Donald Elzey. Not pictured: Jim Smith, Peg Brown, Judy Conn, Barbara Ditto, Carolyn Hartge, Ella Hofmann, Miriam Price, Janice Prior, Sandi Ramsey, Carolyn Rhodenbaugh, Caroline Scott, Brenda Smitley, LaRita Whitsraft.

Terry Devine and Stan Smith, somewhat altered in appearance, advertise Excalibur Staff movie.





Excitement mounted to a peak at Friday afternoon pep assemblies. During football season all cheer sessions were held in the stadium.

# *Sports*



Yea team, fight, fight, fight! I've been lending my voice to yours in cheering our football, basketball and baseball teams on to victory. I'm really glad to see the wonderful school spirit of the student body, and the good sportsmanship displayed on the gridiron, the basketball court, and the diamond. Even the girls get into the athletic act with speedball, basketball, volleyball, and softball. Our school is really great. Go, team, go! Go, fight, win!!!



Mr. Coon and his two little gridders made this pep assembly unique.





Row one: Tom Nelson, Bob Stevens, Bryce Fauble, Chuck Kanney, Dave Gamble, Jerry Baer, Ron Dierks, Larry Smith, Bill Winters, Larry Feeney, John Edwards, Bill Fowler, Charles Young, Charles Ditto, Howard Shaw, Gor-

den Knittle. Row two: Kenneth McClain, Dave Shupe, Don Smiley, Dennis Schaffner, Dave Price, Onley Heath, Rick O'Mara, Terry Oetzel, George White, Jerry Nills,

## **Cougars Stretch Record to Three Undefeated Seasons and Capture Twelfth League Title**



Cougars symbolize victory by burning dummy at pep assembly.

Dads proudly display sons' numbers at last home game.



Roger Gipe, Danny Butler, Larry Bowersock, Don Black, Bill Sherman, Gary Heckert, Brad Bebout. Row three: Coach Smith, Coach Coon, Richard Grove, Gary Patterson,

Success was the word that spelled Van Wert's 1956 football team. Before the season began, the fans looked at Van Wert's record and said, "It can't be done!" But it was done, and in sensational way. The Cougars finished their third consecutive undefeated season and captured their twelfth Western Buckeye League title.

The credit for being the "brains behind the brawn" goes to Coach Gil Smith, whose ingenuity has guided the Cougars in their twenty-ninth consecutive victory skein. Some of the well-deserved credit also goes to the two assistant coaches, Otis Coon and Nick Klutka.

Five Van Wert seniors were chosen on the all-stars of the Western Buckeye League. They were as follows: first offensive team, Ron Dierks, halfback; Bill Winters, center; Larry Feeney, tackle; and Lary Smith, end. Places on the first defensive team went to: Larry Smith, end; Larry Feeney, tackle; John Edwards, guard; and Ron Dierks, halfback. Dierks also was named the league's Most Outstanding Back. Players who received honorable mention in the league were: Dave Gamble, end; Jerry Baer, quarterback; Jerry Nills, tackle; Don Black, linebacker; Charles Young, halfback; and Larry Bowersock, fullback.

We wish next year's team all the success that we had in keeping the victory string intact.

Don Stenen, Jim Bebout, Benny Reidenbach, Tom Reynolds, Phil Holtschult, John Burris, Bill Stanley, Bob Rowlan, Coach Klutka.



### Coaches suffer tension during crucial play

## Experienced Coaches and Skillful Players Make



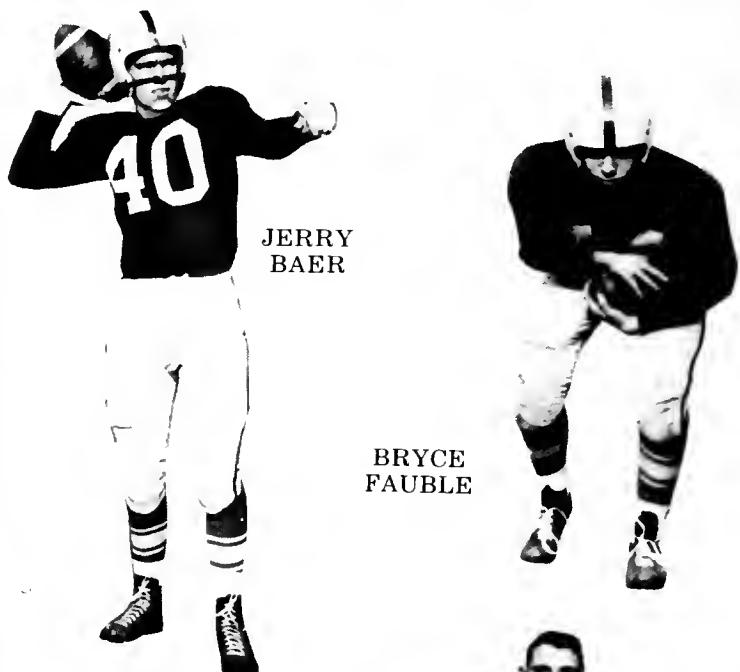
Gil Smith, head coach.



Coach Klutka, Coach Smith, Coach Coon.



Managers: Gordon Knittle, Kenny McLain,  
Tom Nelson.



JERRY  
BAER



BRYCE  
FAUBLE



ROGER  
GIPE



BILL  
WINTERS



RON  
DIERKS



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EDWARDS

## Our Teams Consistent Winners

BILL FOWLER



LARRY FEENEY



CHUCK HEATH



LARRY SMITH

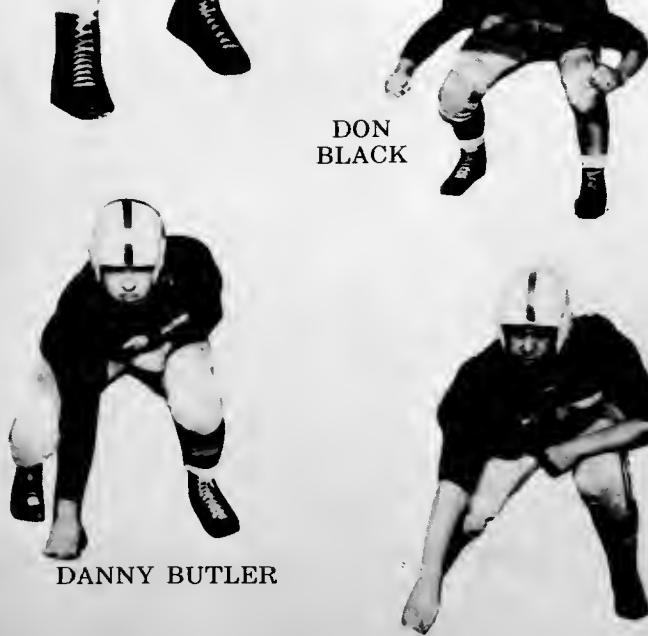


RICK O'MARA

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GEORGE WHITE

DAVE GAMBLE



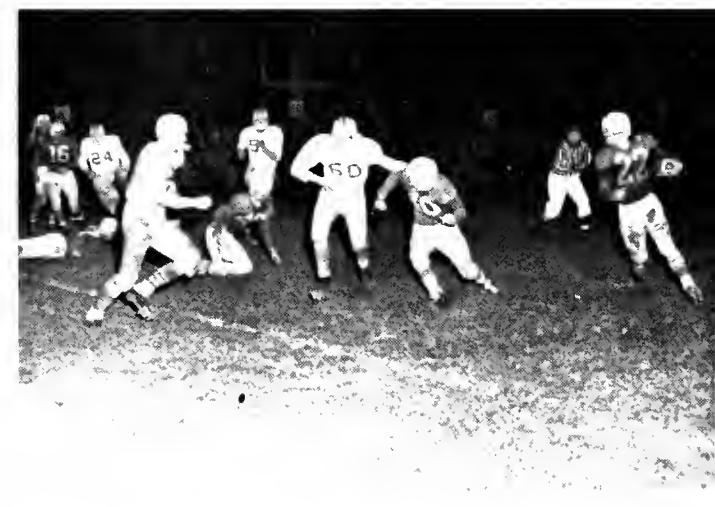


Members of the team shoulder Coach Smith after a victorious season.

Above: Van Wert ball carrier is tackled by opposition.  
Below: A key block clears the field for Ron Dierks.

#### 1956 Football Scores

|                 | Opponent | Cougars |
|-----------------|----------|---------|
| *League Preview | 0        | 6       |
| Bryan           | 8        | 40      |
| Defiance        | 0        | 13      |
| *Kenton         | 0        | 44      |
| *Lima Shawnee   | 7        | 25      |
| *Bellevfontaine | 6        | 26      |
| *Wapakoneta     | 0        | 34      |
| Coldwater       | 6        | 19      |
| *St. Mary's     | 7        | 13      |
| *Celina         | 6        | 51      |
| Total           | 40       | 271     |
| *League Games   |          |         |



Coaches, teammates, and spectators anxiously await the referee's decision.



An immovable object meets an irresistible force.



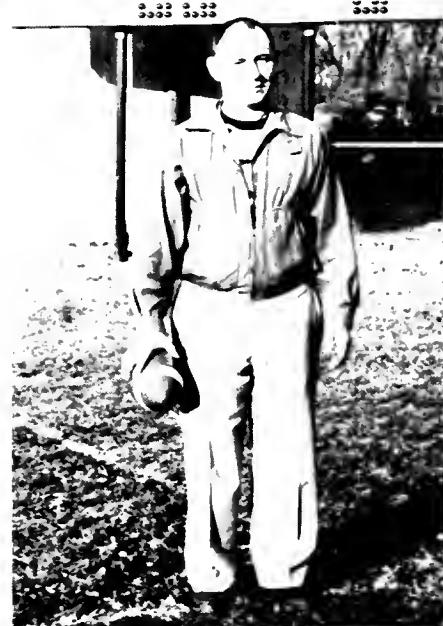
Above: Coach Woody Hayes of Ohio State speaks at the football banquet.

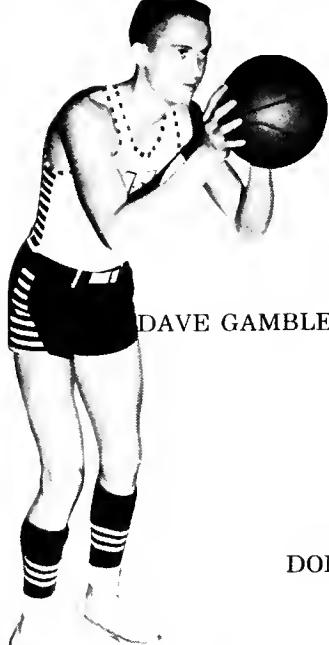
Left: Coach Smith hands award to Ron Dierks, outstanding back of the league.

Below: Coach Cline guided the freshmen football team through a successful season.

Van Wert High School is proud of its freshman football team known as the Yearlings. This year they started off with a convincing victory over Rockford 26-0. Coldwater beat them 20-13, and they lost to Lima Shawnee 18-48 and to Defiance 7-26. With the knowledge of fundamentals taught by Coach Cline and the experience gained through stiff competition, these players should become valuable members of the varsity team.

Row one: Richard Grove, Bruce Jarvis, Mike Slane, Phil Holtschult, Jerry Fryer, Roger LaLonde, Don Stemen, Jim Rogers, Tom Holmes, Row two: Coach Cline, Don Krick, Paul Laemmle, Ed Hammond, John Lloyd, Phil Hines, Gary Etzler, Merle Saam, Don Thompson, Larry McConahay. Row three: Doug Maxim, John Burris, Hal Scott, Vernon Oechsle, Barry Secaur, Bill Stanley, Allan Runser.





DAVE GAMBLE



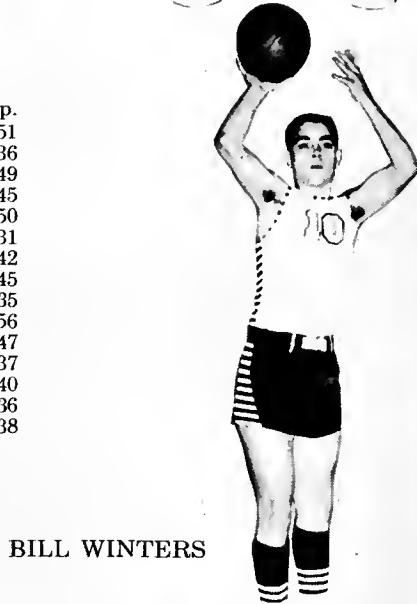
DON BLACK



JERRY BAER

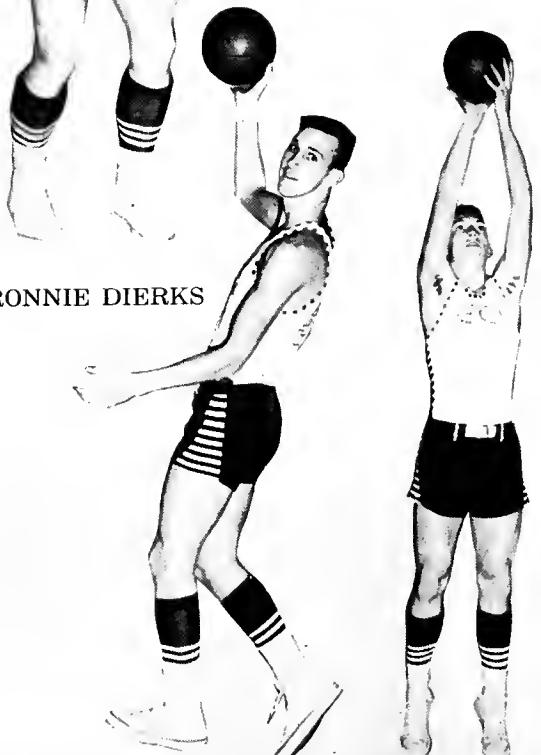
### 1956-57 Basketball Scores

|                    | Varsity |      | Reserve |      |
|--------------------|---------|------|---------|------|
|                    | VW      | opp. | VW      | opp. |
| Defiance           | 53      | 70   | 36      | 51   |
| Findlay            | 52      | 67   | 26      | 36   |
| Delphos St. John   | 61      | 59   | 33      | 49   |
| Lima Shawnee       | 45      | 55   | 40      | 45   |
| Bryan              | 66      | 80   | 38      | 50   |
| Paulding           | 71      | 45   | 33      | 31   |
| Bellefontaine      | 60      | 67   | 44      | 42   |
| St. Marys          | 78      | 66   | 39      | 45   |
| Bath Township      | 80      | 60   | 48      | 35   |
| Celina             | 56      | 50   | 39      | 56   |
| Wapakoneta         | 65      | 67   | 31      | 47   |
| Defiance           | 62      | 52   | 43      | 37   |
| Coldwater          | 78      | 84   | 32      | 40   |
| Bluffton           | 79      | 68   | 51      | 36   |
| Kenton             | 82      | 81   | 50      | 38   |
| Bryan (tournament) | 58      | 76   |         |      |



BILL WINTERS

RONNIE DIERKS



JIM SMITH



LARRY SMITH



DON GOOD



LARRY DUCHENEY

## Spark of Cougar Team Wanes Early, Flares Later



Above: Coach Clarence Cline. Right: Benny Reidenbach and Dick Hoverman, managers.

This year Van Wert's basketball team had an unpredictable season. After getting off to a poor start, the Cougars were able to win most of their later games. Although the Cougars defeated some of the better teams in the league, they finished third in the league. Bryan smashed the team's tournament hopes. The cagers finished the season with an overall record of eight wins and eight losses. Their league record was better with four wins and three losses.

The Cougars didn't have an outstanding record, but they did play some impressive games. The sound defeat of the Kenton Wildcats marked the high point of the season. In this game, Don Good, forward, established what is believed to be a new all-time individual scoring record for a Cougar player.

Seniors on this year's squad were Ron Dierks, Dave Gamble, Jerry Baer, Larry DuCheney, Don Good, Jim Smith, and Larry Smith. Three Cougar players were named on the Western Buckeye League All-Star teams. They were: Don Good, first team forward; Larry Smith, second team center; and Dave Gamble, third team guard. Don Good won the JC award for the outstanding player of the year.



Row one: Jerry Baer, Larry DuCheney, Don Good, Dave Gamble, Larry Smith, Jim Smith, Ron Dierks. Row two: Don Black, Howard Shaw, Bill Winters, Charles Young, Jim Bell.





Row one: Don Black, Jim Bell, Bill Winters, Rodger Bechtol, Charles Young, Howard Shaw. Row two: Gary Patterson, Larry Holtkamp, Bob Matthias, Rod Johnson, Harvey Ireton, Don Beck, Tom Reynolds, Bob Stevens, Carl Witherow.

The reserve team, after getting off to a slow start, began clicking in midseason. They made up for lack of height by speed. Under the expert direction of Coach Cline, they learned to out-maneuver the taller players. The power, speed, and agility acquired this year should pay big dividends for the varsity squad next year.

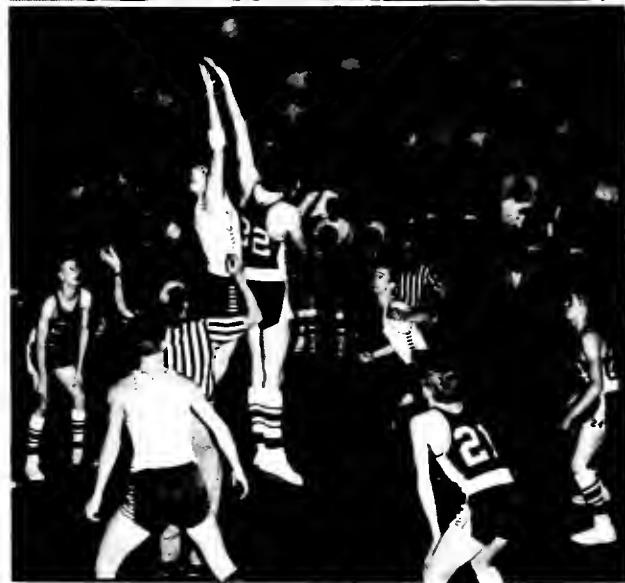
The freshman basketball team had a very impressive season. Under the skillful direction of Coach Stoops, they were runners-up in the freshman tournament at Celina. They should be valuable additions to the varsity teams of the next three years.

## Yearlings and Kitten Reserves Learn Techniques

Row one: Roger LaLonde, Doug Maxim, Jim Cochran, Bill Stanley, Phil Hines, Jim Comer. Row two: Dick Dippery,

Phil Holtshult, Jerry Fryer, Larry Riley, Bruce Baker, Coach Stoops. Coach Stoops is pictured below.





Above: Eager players fight for the rebound. Corner: Coach Otis Coon plans strategy for the Reserves. Left: Opposing captains reach for the tipoff. Bottom: Don Good waits in suspended animation.





## G. A. A. Championship Teams Excel in Sports

**Speedball Co-Champions**, top left. Row one: Linda McCarty, Pat Finkousen, Karen Heffner, Bonnie Caldwell, Jean Johnson, Jane Myers. Row two: Sue Ralston, Mary Lou Germann, Jackie Hoghe, Karen Sowers, Diane Roth, Jane Johnson. **Basketball Champions**, middle left. Row one: Jean Johnson, Karen Sowers, Diane Roth, Jane Myers. Row two: Sue Ralston, Mary Lou Germann, Jackie Hoghe, Jane Johnson. **Volleyball Co-Champions**, bottom left. Row one: Marie Baker, Sandy Agler, Pat Mengerink, Phyllis Finnegan, Dorothy Miller. Row two: Barbara Holmes, Cheyrl Dickson, Mary Lou Germann, Karen Sowers, Diane Roth. Row three: Sue Ralston, Jean Johnson, Jackie Hoghe, Jane Johnson, Jane Myers.



During our football and basketball seasons, six, sometimes twelve, cheerleaders raced around in the halls putting up posters and marking the blackboards with peppy jingles for the student body and the teams. Each noon found them rehearsing in the gym. Any one who has completed a year on the reserve squad is eligible for a varsity position. Each spring, the student body elects six of the eligible girls to the varsity squad for the next year.





As I chew my chips and sip my coke, I recall all the wonderful times we've had and the super colossal parties which we've attended together. I'll never forget the beautifully decorated dances, the naturally slumberless slumber parties which specialize in the choicest gossip and pizza, the hour-long discussions over the telephone, and the inevitable note-passing in study hall. I'll never forget you kids either; you've all been grand friends.



The faculty gathers for fun, pleasure, and business.





School Board: R. D. Bennett; Cyril Bechtol; P. B. Harris; Don White, President; Walter Witten, Vice President; Hazel Gleason; Earl Schaffer, Clerk.

## These People Help Keep Our

Mr. R. D. Bennett, Superintendent of Van Wert City Schools.



In addition to serving as the executive council, our administration has many other duties. They organize our faculty, set school standards, and establish policies. The administration constructs the school calendar to include important civic events and helps with arranging special details. The community

Mrs. Fred Ehman, efficient secretary to Mr. Bennett.





Mr. Ralph Gallapoo, Guidance Director  
of Van Wert High School

## High School Running Smoothly

expects extra service and cooperation from people who are associated with the school system.

The administration's most important responsibility is directing our total education. They are excellent as advisers and friends. They commendably fulfill their obligations.

Mrs. Wilbur Shaw, competent  
secretary to Mr. Baker



Mr. Robert Baker, Principal of  
Van Wert High School



## Our Highly Trained Faculty Guides and Instructs



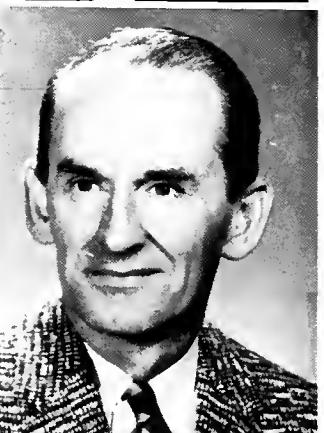
Mrs. Ayers, in her first year at V.W.H.S., teaches girls' health and physical education. She also is faculty adviser to the G. A. A. She received her A.B. degree at Heidelberg College. Mrs. Ayers will not be with us next year; we will miss her genuine interest and friendly smile.

Mr. Bricker received his B.S. degree from Bowling Green University and his M.B.A. from Toledo University. He teaches Bookkeeping I, Shorthand II, and Typing II. He is also sophomore class sponsor.



Mr. Jones, head of the music department, earned his B.S.M. degree at Bluffton College. He teaches senior band, freshman chorus, and a cappella choir.

Miss Armstrong, who is retiring this year, teaches World History, senior math, and general math. She received her A.B. degree from Miami University, and did graduate work at Ohio State University. We shall miss her humorous remarks and friendly spirit next year.



Mr. Bowen, who is the Junior Class sponsor, teaches American History and Driver Education. He earned his A.B. degree from Huntington College and his M.A. from Toledo University.

Mrs. Brooks, in her first year of teaching at V.W.H.S., teaches Junior English and French. She is also a co-sponsor of the Junior Y-Teens. She received her A.B. degree from Western Reserve University.



Mr. Baker lends a hand during Student Council cleanup night. Mrs. Ayers presents cheerleading awards at Football Banquet.



## Us As We Prepare Ourselves for Future Vocations



Mr. Cline received his B.S. degree from Miami University. He teaches boys' health and coaches the basketball and the baseball teams.



Mr. Forwaler, who earned his B.F.A. degree from the University of Denver, teaches art and is the sponsor of the Poster Club. His high school art students paint and design settings for various school activities.



Mr. Davis teaches D.C.T., and this year he has been quite busy as photographer for the Excalibur. He received his A.B. degree from Fairmont State College and his M.A. from Ohio State University.



Mrs. Burkam received her A.B. degree from James Millikin University and her M.A. from Middlebury College. She teaches Freshman English and also sponsors the Excalibur.



Mr. Coon received his B.S. degree from Wittenberg College and his M.A. from Western Reserve University. He teaches Senior English, speech, and journalism, and is the sponsor of Masque and Gavel, National Thespians, and the Scarlet Quill. He also directs the Junior and Senior Class Plays and coaches the debate and declamation teams.



Mr. Gallapoo, who received his B.S. degree from Ohio Northern University and his M.A. from Bowling Green University, teaches American Government. He is co-sponsor of the Student Council, sponsor of the F. T. A. and the Senior Class, and most important of all, guidance director for the student body.

Faculty members enjoy themselves as they struggle with spaghetti. Mr. Spieth's general science classes are both unusual and interesting.



## Outside the Classroom They Sponsor Our Clubs



Mr. Klutka received his B.A. degree from the University of Florida and his M.A. from the University of West Virginia. He teaches industrial arts, and he is also an assistant football coach.



Miss Sawyer teaches home economics and sponsors the F. H. A. She received her B.S. and her M.S. degrees from Ohio State University.



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Mr. Rauch obtained his A.B. degree from Miami University and his M.A. from Ohio State University. He teaches American Government, Social Problems, and citizenship and also sponsors the Senior Hi-Y.



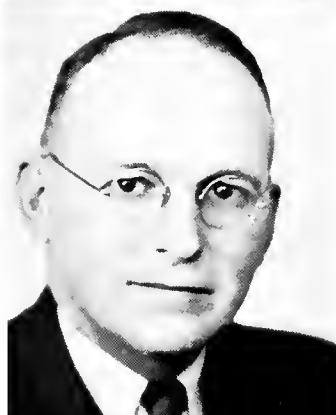
Mr. Katterheinrich received his B.A. degree from Bliss College and his M.A. from Kent State University. He teaches Typing I, Shorthand I, and Bookkeeping II. He is treasurer of the Student Activity Fund.

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Miss Lown teaches Sophomore English and is faculty adviser to the Senior Y-Teens. She received her B.S. degree from Bowling Green University and her M.A. from Ohio State University.



Mr. Livingston received his A.B. degree from the University of Michigan and his M.A. from Columbia University. He teaches biology and American History, and also sponsors the V-Club.



Teachers gather in the men's faculty room for a bull session. Guests at band party are entertained with dining and dancing.



## And Help Us Plan Social Affairs and Recreation



Mr. Manken earned his A.B. and M.E. degrees from Ohio State University. He teaches Industrial Arts and sponsors the Junior Hi-Y.



Mr. Mason, who received his B.S. degree from Ohio Northern University and his M.A. from Ohio State University, teaches mechanical drawing and is the Freshman Class sponsor.



Mr. Spieth teaches General Science and is co-sponsor of the newly organized Science Club. He received his A.B. degree from Defiance.



Mrs. Galbreath, our school librarian, received her B.S. degree from Western Kentucky State College. She is a co-sponsor of the Junior Y-Teens.



Mr. Smith, better known as Coach Smith, teaches Algebra I and Plane Geometry and is also head football coach. He received his A.B. degree from Defiance College and his M.A. from Ohio State University.



Mrs. White received her A.B. degree from Oberlin College and her M.A. from Wellesley College. She

teaches Latin I and II and sponsors the Latin Club and National Honor Society.

Mr. Hablitzel, who is new to V.W.H.S., received his A.B. degree from Ohio Northern University and is doing graduate work at Ohio State University. In addition to teaching chemistry, physics, and advanced algebra, he is co-sponsor of the Science Club.



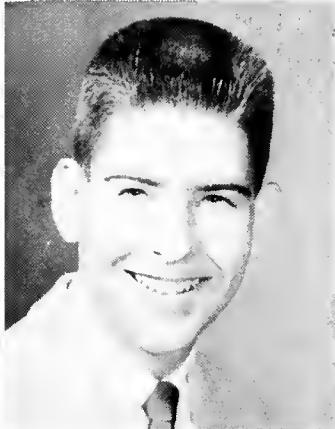
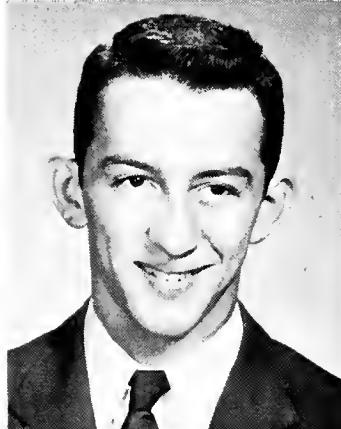
The library is faculty headquarters during pep assemblies.



# SENIORS



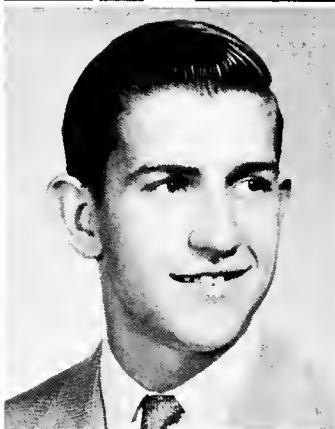
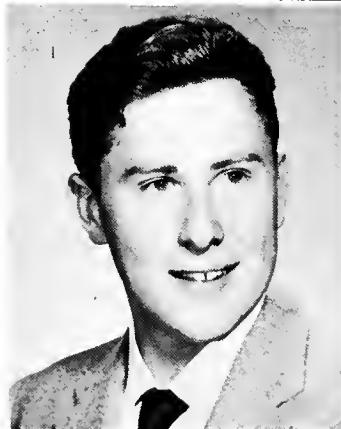
Class officers: Joyce Rawlings, treasurer; Dave Gamble, vice president; Pat Holtschult, secretary; Mr. Gallapoo, adviser; Ron Dierks, president.



James Lendall Agler

Larry Francis Agler

David Warren Allen



Joe Raymond Allen

James R. Anderson

Mauvette Anna August



Jerry W. Baer



Laurinda Jean Bate



Mary Judith Beall



Jean Carol Bennett



Barbara Alice Blanke



**IN MEMORIAM**  
Frank William Boroff

Frank C. Brown

Harold Brown

Margaret Ann Brown



Richard Wayne Caldwell

Judith Anne Coffelt

Judith Kay Conn



On September 10, 1956, we seniors enrolled at our Alma Mater for the last time.

We started the year gloriously as eight seniors led off in an undefeated football season. We were proud of the seven who served on the basketball squad and of the five who ably led us through our baseball season. Cheering our teams on to victory were four peppy senior girls: Carol Grindahl, Marie Lewis, Janice Prior, Diane Roth.

Leaders of our class served as presidents of other organizations: Jerry Baer, Student Council; Jean Bennett, Youth for Christ; Nan Cowan, Senior Y-Teens, Rendezvous Committee; Sally Coombs, F. T. A.; Terry Devine, National Honor Society; Ron Dierks, Senior Class, V Club; Jackie Hoghe, G. A. A.; Janet Monce, Poster Club; Larry Smith, Senior Hi-Y; Bill Winters, V.I.C.

Many seniors took charge of Homecoming festivities. Elected to the royal throne as queen was Nan Cowan, and as her attendant, Janice Prior. Janice reigned as Queen Jubilee XIII of the Annual Peony Festival.

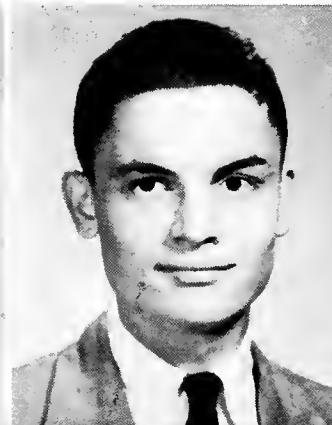
This year thirty seniors participated in the a cappella choir activities, and twenty played in the band. Adding spice and charm to the band were majorettes Sally Coombs and Nan Cowan.

Two of our senior girls took the DAR Citizenship test, fourteen of the boys served as Junior Rotarians, and Judy Harden was a state speech contestant.

Sixteen brave seniors struggled through the National Merit Scholarship test, and three of them ranked in the upper two per cent of all seniors in Ohio and received letters of recommendation for scholarships.



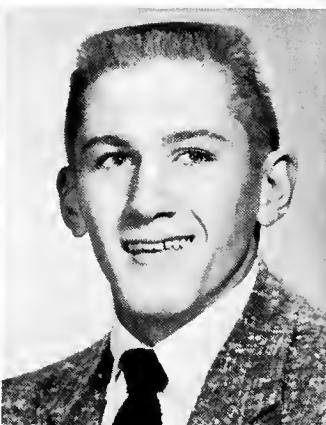
Decorations at the party after Class Play were reminiscent of Homecoming Dance and '56 Prom, both of which were projects of our class.



Sally Marie Coombs

Nan Elayne Cowan

Edward H. DeCamp



Terry L. Devine

Ronald B. Dierks

Barbara Jean Ditto



Joyce Ann Donahue

Larry J. DuCheney

Vachel John Edwards



Donald Eugene Elzey

Janet Charylene Fauble

Ann Feeney



William E. Fowler

David Alan Gamble

Douglas Parker Geary

Mary Lou Germann

Martha Lavon Gingrich

James L. Goins





Many seniors worked hard on the Excalibur Staff.

Larry Smith and Jim Smith are measured for caps and gowns.

Van Wert seniors who took the Ohio General Scholarship test captured six of the first ten places in the county. First through fifth were: Sally Coombs, Terry Devine, Roger Martin, Barbara McDonald, Judy Harden, and Stan Smith, seventh.

Nine seniors on the Student Council were: Jerry Baer, Laurinda Bate, Frank Brown, Ron Dierks, Carol Grindahl, Janet Monce, John Saylor, Caroline Scott, Larry Smith.

The senior members of the Rendezvous Committee were: Laurinda Bate, Nan Cowan, Ron Dierks, Larry Smith.

Larry Smith and Ron Dierks were delegates to Boys State, and Sally Coombs was our delegate to Girls State. Nan Cowan was her alternate.

On May 3 and 4, our class play, "Copperhead", featured fifteen of our talented seniors.

Nine seniors were elected to National Honor Society, in addition to the eight chosen last year.

As graduation neared, Jean Bennett, Ella Hoffman, Mary Lou Germann, Don Good, John Edwards, and Ron Dierks were the committee to choose our commencement announcements.

Our colors, royal blue and white; our motto, "In ourselves is our triumph or defeat"; and our flower, peony, were chosen by Laurinda Bate, Ron Dierks, Carol Grindahl, and Jim Smith.

Crowded into the last few days were the Senior Recognition Assembly, the Prom, Baccalaureate, and the culmination of four years, COMMENCEMENT.



Donald R. Good



Neil Allen Good



Carol Jean Grindahl



Earl Robert Hainline

Judith Suzanne Harden

Martha Diane Hardin



Carolyn Mae Hartge

Barbara Lee Hirn

Ella Jean Hofmann



Jacqueline Lee Hoghe

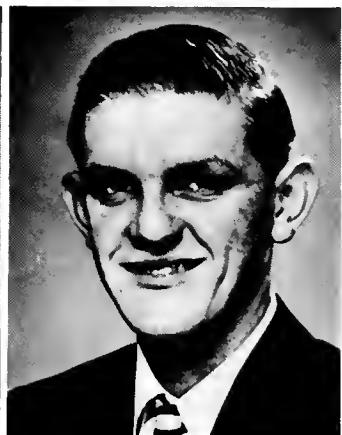
Patricia Ann  
Holtschult

Jane Eleane Johnson

Jean Elaine Johnson

Larry Dean Kreischer

Ralph Allan  
Lautzenheiser



Marie Ann Lewis

Ervan Lintermoot

Rita Ann Lippi





Stan Smith seems to be able to do anything the occasion calls for. Here he is the night before a penny lunch.

## Busy Seniors Make Time For Parties and Fun



Carol Grindahl and Caroline Scott know that all fine cooks sample their goodies before serving them.



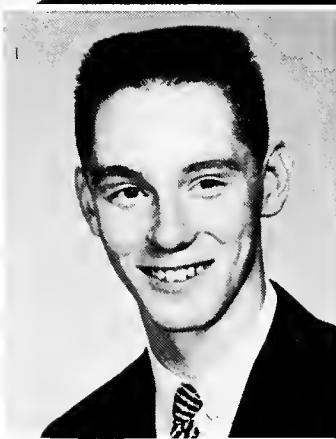
Barbara Jill  
McDonald



Janet Lee McNeal



Sandra Ellen Makuh



Roger Dennis Martin



Marilyn Mildred  
Matthias



Donald Eugene May



Barbara Carolyn  
Merkle

Jerry Miracle

Janet Elaine Monce



Janet Elaine Morris

Jane Ann Myers

Thomas Allan Nott



Arla Ann Oechsle

Rita Jean Osenbaugh

Michael Edward  
Pheneger

Linda Kay Poling

James E. Presler

Miriam Yvonne Price





Jerry Baer, Ron Dierks, Jim Smith, John Edwards, Dave Gamble and Bill Fowler are filling those husky frames at a penny lunch.

At the awards assembly on May 21, many seniors were recognized for their achievements in high school. Black, Inc. awards went to Sally Coombs, valedictorian, and Ella Hofmann, most proficient secretary. Nan Cowan and Terry Devine received the American Legion Awards which are given to the boy and girl judged most outstanding in scholarship, leadership, courage, and character.



The seniors are proud of the awards and cups in our trophy case.



Donna Prichard

Janice Collene Prior

Robert Leroy  
Protsman



Lester Raymond  
Raker

Patricia Sue Ralston

Sandra Ramsey



Barbara Joyce  
Rawlings

Carolyn Anne  
Rhodenbaugh

Catherine Diane Roth



Jan Lagene Runnion

John Saylor

Andrea Lea Scarpelli



Donald E. Schnepp

Caroline R. Scott

Larry David Sidle



James D. Smith

Larry D. Smith

Stanley Noble Smith

Nan Cowan won admission with honors to Miami University. The Soroptimist scholarship for a future teacher was awarded to Joyce Rawlings. Janice Prior was the winner of the Betty Crocker Homemaker of Tomorrow award. A Good Citizenship Medal, based on honor, service, courage, leadership, and patriotism, was presented to Sally Coombs. Sally also received a certificate for placing third among girls in the Ohio Senior Scholarship Test.

Jane Myers, Jean Johnson, Jane Johnson, Karen Sowers, Carolyn Hartge, Jackie Hoghe, Diane Roth, Mary Lou Germann, Sue Ralston, and Janice Prior all received G. A. A. numerals or letters. Cheerleaders Diane Roth and Janice Prior were presented with three-year certificates; Marie Lewis and Carol Grindahl, one-year certificates and letters. Music awards went to Doug Geary, who won a scholarship to Bowling Green, and Arla Oechsle.

Seniors who rank in the upper ten percent of the class scholastically are: Sally Coombs, Nan Cowan, Roger Martin, Dorothy Week, Judy Harden, Barbara McDonald, Laurinda Bate, Marilyn Matthias, Janet Monce, Jane Johnson and Jean Johnson.

Miss Janice Prior, candidate from Van Wert High School, was selected Queen Jubilee XIII. Janice was crowned by Governor O'Neill and honored with a ball on June fourth. The next day she reigned over the twin three and one-half mile long parades. Our school is proud of your attractiveness, talent, and personality, Queen Janice.



Brenda Louise Smitley

Karen May Sowers

Ronald Kenneth Spray



Joan Faye Sterrett

Orville Kenneth Stetler

David Eugene Stittsworth



Louis Edward  
Thomas

Shirley Ann Tickle

Norma J. Tinker



Dorothy Jean Vetter

Barbara Lou  
Wampler

Dolores L. Weck



Dorothy M. Weck

LaRita M. Whitcraft

Sandra Mary Willett

Carol Mae Wilmore

Bill Winters

Sandra Kay Wise



No pictures available:

Dolores Fisher Lippi

John Eldon Wisener

# JUNIORS



Junior Class Officers: Dorothy Laing, secretary; Sharleen Wiseman, treasurer, Mary Jane Ross, vice president; Chris Griffiths, president; Mr. Bowen, adviser.

## JUNIOR CLASS HISTORY

We're just swell,  
We're just great,  
'Cause we're the class  
Of '58!

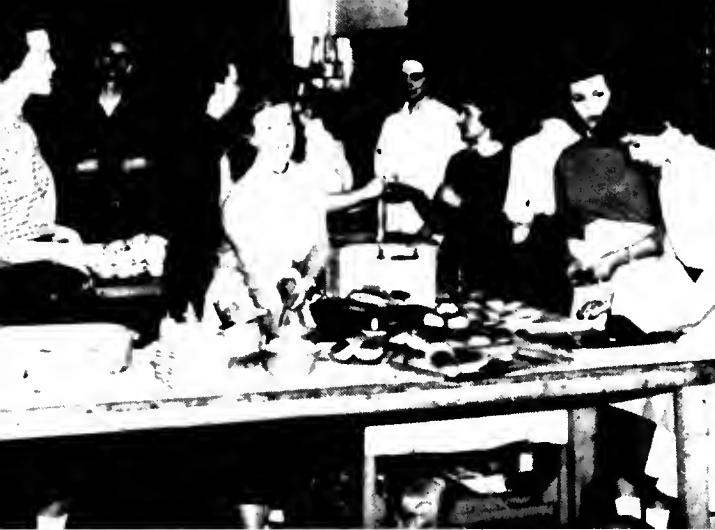
This, the unofficial cheer of this year's junior class, is just one example of our growing realization that we are a unit, as well as 122 individuals. We cheered, as a class, for our fifteen boys on the football team, our four boys on the basketball team, and our ten boys on the baseball team. We were all proud of our majorettes, Dorothy Laing and Nancy Williman; our cheerleaders, Carol Hesher (Varsity) and Opal Clouse (Reserve). Everyone approved of Beverly Germann as our Homecoming attendant. We elected Mary Blake, Dorothy Laing, Don Black, Beverly Germann, and Joyce Feasby to the Student Council.

Many of us participated in speech activities. Chris Griffiths won the county "I Speak for Democracy" contest. Susan Sheldon went to state declamation contest. Carolyn Blackmore, Margaret Ainsworth, Susan Sheldon, and Sally Thompson were Prince of Peace entrants. We had twenty-nine students in a cappella choir and fourteen in band. Twenty-two people from our class took part in our first class play, "Seventeen". These people were presidents of organizations: Chris Griffiths, Masque and Gavel, National Thespians, Junior Class; Joyce Tope, F. H. A.; and Larry Pennell, Science Club. We had thirteen students on the scholarship team and five were chosen for Honor Society.

Our two main projects were class rings and prom. Jona Runnion, Jim Imler, Mary Jane Ross, Chris Griffiths, and Reg Burley did an excellent job choosing our rings. The Prom committee took charge of all moneymaking projects. Our class play, penny lunch, movie, and spaghetti supper gave us enough for a wonderful Prom. Everyone worked hard to help make this one of the most wonderful years our class has ever known.

Sally Thompson





Juniors work hard to make the spaghetti supper a success. Being measured for class rings is one of the big thrills. Even work can be fun for a boy when he has three pretty girls to help.

The prom committee takes a few precious minutes to pose. Row one: Loella Rogers, Barbara Huffine, Nancy Williamson, Dorothy Laing, Sharleen Wiseman. Row two: Chris Griffiths, Larry Pennell, Mary Jane Ross, Bob Blanke, Larry Bowersock. The juniors had a sellout for their movie "Two Tickets to Broadway."

The junior class trains a future prom committee member.

## The Juniors Were Busy With Choosing and Paying



Judy Aichele  
Bob Ainsworth  
Margaret Ainsworth  
Lora Verne Allen  
Pat Alvarado  
Janet Anderson



Diane Ashbaugh  
Bob Baker  
Joyce Beall  
Jadine Bell  
Don Black  
Carolyn Blackmore



Mary Blake  
Bob Blanke  
Larry Bowersock  
Roger Bradford  
Reg Burley  
Dan Butler



Sharon Rose Case  
Opal Clouse  
Peggy Davis  
Charles Ditto  
George Dunn  
Tonnetta Dustman



Sue Evans  
Joyce Feasby  
Linda Feasby  
Sandra Feasby  
Harold Felger  
Bill Foley



Don Ford  
Wayne Friesner  
Dick Gallaway  
Beverly Germann  
Bob Gilliland  
Roger Gipe



Barbara Goodwin  
Chris Griffiths  
Jean Hammond  
Ann Hartge  
Marcia Hartman  
Onley Heath

## For Class Rings and Planning Prom Decorations

Martha Height  
Carol Hesher  
Carl Hoghe  
Lois Hoffman  
Barbara Huffine  
Charles Huffine



Jim Imler  
Don Johnson  
Larry Johnson  
Charles Kanney  
Leigh Ann Kinkle  
Mary Kohn



Nancy Kohn  
Dorothy Laing  
Rosemary Lane  
Harriet Lawlor  
Bob Lewis  
Peggy McClure



Della Mason  
Hilda Mericle  
Marcile Merkle  
Dave Mohler  
Robert Mohr  
Dave Myers



Gary Myers  
Jerry Nills  
Terry Oetzl  
Dick O'Mara  
Larry Pennell  
Cary Proffitt



Nancy Raabe  
Dorothy Rhodenbaugh  
Hazel Rhodenbaugh  
Sharon Riggs  
Helen Roberts  
Loella Rogers



Mary Jane Ross  
Larry Roth  
Jona Runnion  
Don Ruskaup  
Herb Scaer  
Ronnie Schaffer



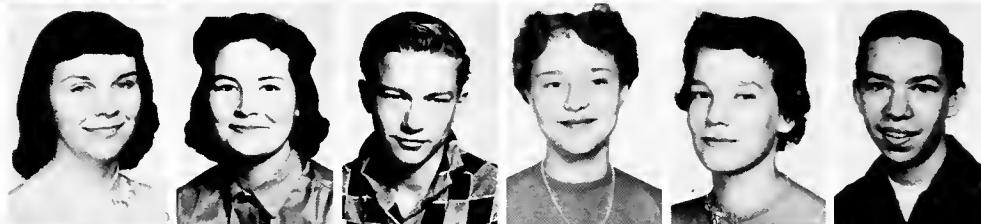
## They Had a Penny Lunch and Spaghetti Supper



Dennis Schaffner  
Carol Schnepp  
Bill Scott  
Howard Shaw  
Barbara Sheets  
Susan Sheldon



Ron Sherer  
Bill Sherman  
Larry Showalter  
Lyle Smith  
Jim Speer  
Jim Thatcher



Charleen Steele  
Linda Stemen  
Evelyn Stevens  
Bob Taylor  
Sally Thompson  
Gary Tomczak



Joyce Tope  
Tom Uncapher  
Steve Van Kleeck  
Karen Waymire  
Beth Ann Weeks  
Don Wierwille



Roger Welker  
Jack White  
George White  
Carolyn Williams  
Nancy Williman  
Bill Winters



Sharon Wise  
Sharleen Wiseman  
Jim Wollet  
John Young

# SOPHOMORES



Sophomore Class Officers: Helen Keirns, secretary; Pat Hallam, president; Sara Drury, treasurer; Mr. Bricker, adviser; Nan Louth, vice president.

## SOPHOMORE CLASS HISTORY

Webster says that history is "an orderly written record of events". If so, the history of the class of '59 should really start when our fathers choked on their doughnuts and coffee as our mommies told them that a part of the class of 1959 was on its way. We successfully waded through the escapades of Mac and Muff in the first grade, and then suffered through eight years of addition and subtraction, nouns and pronouns, history and geography until finally we came to be the Sophomore Class of 1957.

This year we were well represented in all organizations. Jean Hirn served as president for Latin Club while Mary Ellen Keith took the captain's wheel in Jr. Y-Teens. In the newly organized freshman and sophomore Hi-Y, Pat Hallam was chief. Cheering the fourteen boys on the football team and the two on the basketball team were Judy McCollum, varsity cheerleader, and Sandy Miller, Charlotte Sherman, and Shelbyan Noggle, reserve cheerleaders. Batting the ball around this spring were seven boys. In the speech department Karen Geisman and Sally Stewart travelled all the way to state contest with their orations. Out of the 156 in the sophomore class we had thirty tooting their horns in the band and thirty-eight exercising their lungs in the choir. Proudly strutting in front of the band were majorettes Sara Drury, Helen Keirns, and Karen Geisman. Our Homecoming attendant was Elise Hoeken. On the scholarship team we had sixteen members. We elected Judy McCollum, Mary Ellen Keith, Jean Hirn, Pat Hallam, and Jim Bebout to Student Council. Our class held a successful dance on March 9.

After being able to survive Julius Caesar and A Tale of Two Cities, it is certain that we'll survive the next two years. We are looking forward to them with great anticipation.

Susan Gribler





Sophomores get a head start in making money for Prom.



It looks like crowded sleeping quarters tonight.



Sophomores gather for a gab fest.



Sara Agler  
Nancy Andrews  
Sandra Arnold  
Gary Baker



Rachael Balliet  
Sue Baxter  
Brad Bebout  
Jim Bebout  
Rodger Bechtol  
Don Beck



Jim Bell  
Larry Betts  
Suzy Binkley  
Dorcas Blackmore  
Marsha Blake  
Terry Blue



Lewis Bowen  
Bonnie Caldwell  
Judy Chesbro  
Rosalyn Coffelt  
Sandra Copp  
Louis Crow



Janet Davis  
Joyce Davis  
Louise DeCamp  
Margaret DeMoss  
Nellie Dempsey  
Susie Dermyer

## The Ambitious Sophomores Sponsored a Dance

Dorothy Doner  
Sara Drury  
Pat Dunlap  
Barbara Ellis  
David Elzey  
Gloria Evans



Bryce Fauble  
David Fell  
Pat Finkhausen  
Clyde Ford  
Pam Foster  
Marge Gallaway



Judy Geary  
Karen Geisman  
Jim Gilbert  
Carolyn Gilland  
Kay Goins  
Ann Good



Claudia Green  
Ann Gribler  
Susan Gribler  
Sherry Hall  
Patrick Hallam  
Roberta Harden



Gertrude Hardman  
Gail Harley  
Roberta Hartman  
Virginia Harvey  
Gary Heckert  
Karen Heffner



Terry Hipsley  
Jean Hirn  
Elise Hoeken  
Phil Holtkamp  
David Hoverman  
Richard A. Hoverman



Clarence Huffine  
Janice Huffine  
Charles Ingman  
Harvey Ireton  
Trina Jackson  
Larry Johnson



## As Sophomores Gain Confidence in Their Ability



Rod Johnson  
Tim Jones  
Paul Kaduk  
Corrine Katterheinrich  
Helen Keirns  
Mary Ellen Keith



Glenn Kelley  
Carol Kinsey  
Larry Klausing  
Gordon Knittle  
Dick Knodel  
Max Kreischer



Linda Krick  
Shirley Lane  
John Lawlor  
Nancy Louth  
Linda McCarty  
Judy McCollum



Ray McCollum  
Bob Matthias  
Barbara Miller  
Bill Miller  
Oscar Miller  
Sandy Miller



Tim Miller  
Carolyn Mosier  
Mary Murphy  
Pat Murphy  
Nancy Myers  
Shelbyan Noggle



Lois Parsons  
Myles Parsons  
Gary Patterson  
Glenn Pontius  
David Price  
Benny Reidenbach



Tom Reynolds  
Sharon Ries  
Alan Rinard  
Bob Rowland  
Mike Ruskaup  
Bob Scaer

## They Take An Active Part in School Activities

Roger Schaffer  
Charlotte Sherman  
Roger Shimp  
Judy Showalter  
Sue Showalter  
David Shupe



Nancy Sidle  
Fred Simmons  
Joy Sink  
Sharon Slane  
Don Smitley  
Sandra Sowles



Peg Stenger  
Bob Stevens  
Sally Stewart  
Janice Stoller  
Larry Summersett  
Linda Terry



Ronnie Thatcher  
Diane Thomas  
Tony Todd  
Peg Tomlinson  
Marjorie Wade  
Meredith Wade



Linda Waldron  
Connie Wallace  
Bob Walls  
Carolyn Walters  
David Walters  
Jim Watkins



Doug Welker  
Kathy Wells  
Donna Whitcraft  
Jerry Wilhelm  
Nedra Wise  
Becky Wisener



Carl Witherow  
Dave Witten  
LeRoy Wolford  
Charles Young  
Sandra Young  
Florence Zinsmeister



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Freshman Class Officers: Mr. Mason, adviser; Alice August, vice president; Ann Poling, secretary; Sharon Boyd, treasurer; Allan Runser, president.

#### FRESHMAN CLASS HISTORY

Now that we have put the title "Greenies" behind us for at least three more years, we can honestly say that we have enjoyed every minute of our freshman year.

We crawled timidly into the business of elections; but, seeing no ogres or witches to grab at our democratic rights, we successfully installed exactly the right people in the right positions. The important and rather glamorous jobs on the Rendezvous Committee were handled very well by Barbara Germann, Phil Holtschult, Joy Smith, and Bill Stanley. Representing the freshmen on the Student Council were Allan Runser, Rick Counsellor, Hal Scott, Bill Stanley, and Jane Weeks. Our class seems to have a good future in the V. W. H. S. sports picture. Barb Germann and Joy Smith, our reserve cheerleaders, proudly cheered for twelve boys on the freshman football team, five on the varsity squad, thirteen on the freshman basketball team, and one who played reserve basketball. We chose Sue Prior to be our attendant to the Homecoming queen.

We groaned together over the I.Q., Kuder Preference (remember the little pins?), and Iowa tests; but they did help us to understand ourselves better. Now with such a busy year behind us, we are looking forward to even busier and better years in the future.

Sue Prior





Homework calls a halt to all the fun.



At least some work is done in study hall.



Here are six slick chicks.

Sherrill Adams  
Sandra Agler  
Ray Alvarado



Judy Anderson  
Bill Andrus  
Alice August  
Ellen August  
Karen Bagley  
Bruce Baker



Marie Baker  
Judy Bates  
Terrill Beall  
Nancy Blackmore  
Jean Bolinger  
Lloyd G. Bowen



Ray Bowers  
Sharon Boyd  
Dave Brown  
John Burris  
Sandy Busch  
Larry Carter



Raymond Casarez  
Barbara Case  
Carol Clear  
Jim Cochran  
Jim Comer  
Martha Conn



## Young, Innocent Freshmen Are Soon to Assume An



Max Coombs  
Karen Sue Copeland  
Vera Corathers  
Richard Counseller  
Carole Crosby  
Helen Custer



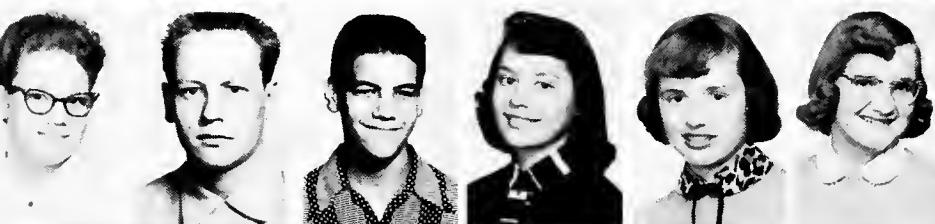
Merle Dettrow  
Cheyrl Dickson  
Richard Dippery  
Diane Doepker  
Marjorie Douglas  
Donald Dues



Larry Eugene Dull  
Carl Dunn  
Shirley Ann Dunno  
Linda Eschbach  
Gary Etzler  
Marvin Everley



Marilyn Fast  
Robert Faulkner  
Lynn Feigert  
Francine Fell  
Phyllis Finnegan  
Jerry Fisher



Sonja Ford  
Jack Fraker  
Jerry Fryer  
Barbara Germann  
Dixie Gilliland  
Jean Gilliland



Richard Grove  
Floyd Guy  
Barbara Haines  
Bonnie Hall  
John Hall  
Linda Hall



Judy Hammond  
Philip Harden  
Judy Hesher  
Julia Himburg  
Don Hines

## Important Position in Various School Affairs

Phil Hines  
Barbara Holmes  
Tom Holmes  
Phil Holtschult  
Karen Hooper  
Alice Horine



Larry W. Hoverman  
Gene Hubart  
Joyce Huffine  
Pat Ingman  
Patricia Iretton  
Bruce Jarvis



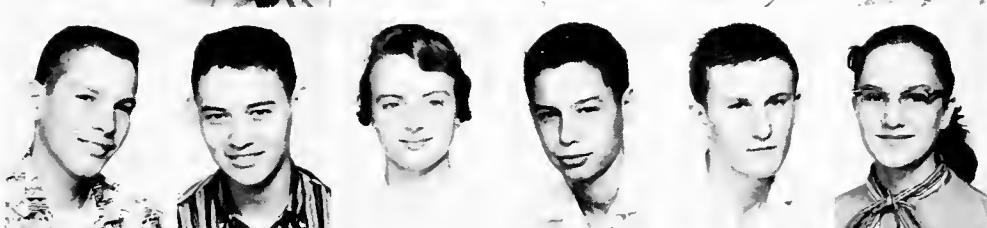
Jim Jerome  
Linda Jerwers  
Dale Jones  
Larry Joseph  
Charles Keipper  
David Kimmey



Imogene King  
Della Kinkle  
Denise Kolter  
Donald Krick  
Jack Krick  
Pat Kyer



Roger LaLonde  
Lenora Laughrey  
Tom Lause  
Charles Leaser  
Lucille Leaser



Larry Lewis  
Emanuel Lianez  
Don Linser  
Bill Lippi  
Carmensita Lippi  
Kenneth Louth



John Lloyd  
Larry McConahay  
Randall McCoy  
Betty McKeddie  
Kent McMillen  
Jim Marker



## As Year Progresses Freshmen Become Familiar



Karen Marvin  
Doug Maxim  
Pat Mengerink  
Dolories Miller  
Dorothy Miller  
Max Miller

Robert G. Miller  
Bob Miller  
Karen Millhouse  
Sandra Mosure  
Jim Murphy  
Jim Neiford

Ralph Norris  
Vernon Oechsle  
Rodger Oetzel  
Dianna Overholt  
Bonnie Lou Parks  
Fred Place

Ann Poling  
Sue Prior  
Nancy Rager  
Jerry Ralston  
Gene Rickard  
Nancy Ridenour

Janet Riggs  
Larry Riley  
Jim Roberts  
Jim Rogers  
Cheri Runnion  
Allan Runser

Merl Saam  
Charles Sanders  
Peggy Scarpelli  
Hal Scott  
Doug Sears  
Bary Secaur

John Semer  
Howard Shobe  
Kay Sidle  
Harold Sites  
Mike Slane  
Beverly Smith

## With High School Citizenship and Responsibility

Joy Smith  
Doug Snyder  
Marjorie Spry  
Bill Stanley  
Elsie Steele  
Pat Steele



Donald Stemen  
Jerry Stoltz  
Julius Strick  
Ray Tanner  
Beverly Kay Taylor  
Lendall Terry



Jerry Thatcher  
Judy Thatcher  
Richard Thatcher  
Don Thompson  
Gale Tindall  
Dixie Tope



Dennis Underwood  
Bill Vest  
Dick Waldron  
Naomi Wallace  
Thomas Webster  
Jane Weeks



Shirley Welker  
Jon West  
Kenneth Wiedenmann  
Karen Wierwille  
Nancy Williams  
Steve Williams



Wendell Williams  
Sandra Williamson  
Sue Williamson  
Paul Wilson  
Judy Winhoyer  
Margaret Winterer



Janell Wise  
Kenneth Wise  
Margaret Withrow  
Nancy Young  
Larry Youtsey





The janitors, Ralph Thomas and Ray Snyder, take time to pose by the coat racks they made for the gym balcony this year.

The staff of 1957 would like to express their appreciation to those who have helped make our job a little easier. The wonderful cooperation of all the faculty, especially Mr. Baker, has all meant a lot to us in creating this Excalibur. Without the advice and assistance of Mr. Broom, Mr. Alden, and Mrs. Burkam we could never have produced a yearbook such as this one. We thank Mrs. Shaw for her patience and understanding in answering our incessant questions. The student body has helped our cause by supporting our projects. To all these people and others who may not have been mentioned, we call a sincere, "Thank you."

Robert Jerome and David Van Eman drove the school busses again this year.

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